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LIFE INSURANCE STATEMENT.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL

STATEMENT

OF THE

Connecticut Mutual

LIFE

Insurance Company,

OF

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

NET ASSETS, January 1, 1873.....$20,765,677.34

RECEIVED IN 1872:

For Premiums.....$7,715,067.92

For Interest and Rents.....2,089,853.16

$9,754,620.90

$40,500,098.23

DISBURSED IN 1872.

To POLICY HOLDERS:

For claims by death and matured endowments.....$3,211,991.56

Surplus returned to Policy-holders.....3,906,212.09

Lapsed and surrendered Policies.....678,809.91

$7,797,013.56

EXPENSES:

Commissions to Agents.....$895,402.13

Salaries of Officers, Clerks, and all others employed upon Salaries.....93,496.96

Medical Examiners' fees.....15,142.09

Printing, Stationery, Rent, Advertising, Postage, Exchange, etc.....95,226.45

1,004,268.63

TAXES, AND PROFIT AND LOSS.....289,153.96

6,820,434.54

$33,679,681.69

BALANCE, NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1872.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS:

Loans upon Real Estate, first lien, value.....$17,603,609.33

Loans upon Stocks and Bonds, value.....208,852.23

Premium Notes on Policies in force.....5,800,037.80

Cost of Real Estate owned by the Company.....1,139,975.47

Cost of United States Registered Bonds.....1,630,686.89

Cost of State Bonds.....813,900.00

Cost of City Bonds.....3,128,686.00

Cost of Bank Stock.....80,325.00

Cost of Railroad Stock.....24,000.00

Cash in Bank, at interest.....1,494,860.53

Cash in Company's Office.....56,782.23

Balances due from agents, secured.....29,286.14

$33,679,681.69

ADD:

Interest accrued and due.....$ 975,890.19

Market value of Stocks and Bonds over cost.....214,497.32

Net premiums in course of collection.....26,013.71

Net deferred quarterly and semi-annual Premiums.....25,629.22

1,256,679.44

Gross Assets, December 31, 1872.....$34,936,161.13

LIABILITIES:

Amount required to reinsure all outstanding Policies, net, assuming 4 per cent interest.....$29,060,000.00

All other Liabilities.....747,055.00

29,797,055.00

Surplus, December 31, 1872.....$5,139,093.13

Increase of Assets during 1872.....$3,957,720.47

Ratio of expenses to receipts in 1872.....7.52 per cent.

" " " " 1871.....8.19 "

" " " " 1870.....8.56 "

" " " " 1869.....8.45 "

Policies in force, Dec. 31, 1872, 62,955, insuring $161,986,167.00.

JAMES GOODWIN, President.

JACOB L. GREENE, Secretary.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

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MARTIN L. CROWELL, Receiver.

Chicago, March 11, 1873.

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SHOW CASES,

AT

BARCLAY'S,

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BANK STATEMENT.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF

Lunt, Preston & Kean,

BANKERS,

As made to the Clearing House Association, at the Close of Business, February 28, 1873.

RESOURCES.

Notes and Bills discounted—Time.....$461,614.81

Loans on call secured by Governments and other Cash Collateral.....110,004.83 $ 571,619.64

Overdrafts.....1,130.29

Furniture and Fixtures.....2,500.00

Due from Banks and Bankers.....250,703.06

U. S. and Cook Co. Bonds and other securities.....46,032.00

Revenue Stamps.....1,363.31

Cash on hand.....155,221.04

Checks on other b'ks.....50,221.56 208,448.60

$1,086,796.93

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock.....100,000.00

Deposits—city.....669,020.46

Deposits—country.....300,562.44 969,582.90

Exchange.....17,214.03

$1,086,796.93

State of Illinois, City of Chicago, County of Cook, ss.: I, F. W. Crosby, of the firm of Lunt, Preston & Kean, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. W. CROSBY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March, 1873. (Signed) ALBERT F. SMITH, Notary Public.

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MEETINGS.

Masonic.

A regular communication of Blaney Lodge, No. 271, A. F. and A. M., will be held in Oriental Hall, this (Wednesday) evening, at 7:30 p. m. Work on M. M. Degree.

J. D. C. WHITNEY, Sec. pro tem.

Masonic.

Regular communication of H. W. Bigelow Lodge, No. 495, A. F. & A. M., Wednesday evening, March 12, at Lessing Hall, No. 13 North Clinton-st., for work on M. M. degree. All members are hereby notified to attend. Business of great importance to the Lodge. Visitors cordially invited. By order of E. T. SMITH, W. M.

H. O. COLLINS, Sec.

WASHINGTON.

The Caldwell Case Discussed in the Senate Yesterday.

Senator Pinchback, of Louisiana, Makes Known His Grievance.

The Surplus $44,000,000 Greenbacks to Be Reissued.

Run on the Washington Savings Bank ---Financial Troubles.

The Attorney-General Declares Council Bluffs the Pacific Road Terminus.

Nominations and Confirmations of Office-Seekers.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE CALDWELL CASE.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Caldwell case took up the entire time of the open session of the Senate to-day. The reading of Caleb Cushing's argument in behalf of Caldwell, was continued and finished. Then Carpenter made an attempt to reply to Morton's masterly effort of yesterday. The word attempt is used because Carpenter's speech to-day was unworthy of what are generally conceded to be his abilities. It was a mere attack on Mr. Morton of the most personal character, coupled with the effort to justify the use of money at elections. A vote might have been reached before the adjournment, but for the interposition of Logan, who desired to submit a few remarks in behalf of Caldwell. Those who have canvassed the Senate are of the firm opinion that Morton's resolution will prevail, and that Caldwell will be expelled the Senate. It is the opinion of your correspondent, however, that Morton will be abandoned by his party associates, and that, when the vote comes to be taken to-morrow, Caldwell will escape expulsion by a majority of about 10 votes. Cameron has been lobbying in his interest to-day with something of his old time energy, while other, and perhaps stronger, influences have been set to work to accomplish Caldwell's acquittal.

COMPTROLLER KNOX—THE SAVINGS BANKS.

There is a rumor out to-night that the removal of Comptroller Knox will shortly be attempted, because of the report of this official condemning the practices of the various savings banks of this city. Since the report was made public there has been a general feeling of insecurity among depositors, which culminated to-day in a run on the Washington Bank. There were symptoms yesterday of a run upon the Freedmen's Savings Bank, but, owing to some strong influence, it was stopped before it had assumed anything like a serious form. According to the Comptroller's report, the Washington Bank is in a much better condition than the Freedmen's, although the language used by the Comptroller is, that owing to the peculiar manner in which it invested its deposits, it was advisable that its charter should be repealed. Commencing simultaneously with the opening of this bank this morning, the crowd commenced to gather in front of the building to such an extent as even to interrupt traffic. All day long the eager depositors have swarmed at the doors of the institution, with their books in hand, anxious only to obtain the original amount of their deposits, unmindful of the interest accruing thereon. To prevent a general panic, and to restore confidence among the depositors, the various banks have come to the rescue of the imperiled Washington Savings Institution, and the prospect is that so far as these depositors are concerned, confidence will be restored. It is predicted, however, that the contagion of example will extend to the colored people, and that to-morrow a tremendous run may be expected on the Freedmen's Savings Bank. There is a general panicky feeling here in monetary circles to-night, and a prevailing conviction that only the wisest and most prudent management can prevent a general financial catastrophe.

PINCHBACK.

The negro Senator from Louisiana, Pinchback, has addressed a communication to the Republican members of the Senate, complaining that he has not been fairly treated, and that his claims have been ignored without a hearing. He holds that he has as much right to a seat in the Senate as Spencer, of Alabama, whose election was held under similar circumstances. Had Congress ignored both the parties claiming recognition in Louisiana, and ordered a new election, Pinchback says he would have had no ground for complaint, but the President has recognized the Kellogg Government, and Congress, by failing to act in the matter, has virtually indorsed him, and as Pinchback was elected by the Kellogg Legislature, he holds that he has a prima facie right to be admitted. In private conversation, Pinchback intimates that had he been a white man like Spencer, there would have been no trouble. At all events he cannot understand the difference which the Senate has made between him and the Senator from Alabama, Congress having failed to take action on the matter.

THE FORTY-FOUR MILLIONS.

It is reported that the Secretary of the Treasury will issue the $44,000,000 of legal-tender reserve. There is a strong pressure brought to bear from the West and the South, where more currency is wanted, to induce the Secretary to act immediately. Of course it meets with opposition from the Eastern bankers and capitalists. The Senate Finance Committee made a report against the power of the Secretary to issue this reserve, but it was not acted on, and Boutwell thinks he is free to act. He is of opinion that the business of the country demands more currency.

PACIFIC RAILROAD TELEGRAPH.

The several laws chartering the Pacific Railroads provided for the construction of railroads and telegraph lines. In building the latter, the Companies have very generally consulted their own convenience, rather than that of the public, and have left the general telegraphing business to the Western Union and other companies, who have built lines of their own or purchased those already built. The result is, that the Government telegraphing west of the Missouri River, except where it is from one local station to another, on one of the Pacific Roads, goes over the Western Union wires, and not over those belonging to the railroads. Under this state of affairs, the question arose in the Treasury Department touching the right of the Government, under the acts chartering the Pacific Railways, to retain one-half the amount due these telegraph companies for service, and apply it to the interest account of the roads. The Attorney-General, in an opinion recently given, decides that the telegraph companies are entitled to receive the full amount which they earned.

THE OMAHA BRIDGE.

The controversy between the Government and the Union Pacific Railway in regard to the toll on Government freights taken across the Omaha bridge over the Missouri River has been recently settled. The railroad and Bridge Companies have held that the Union Pacific road began on the west bank of the river, and that the act authorizing the Government to withhold one-half the amount due the Company for freight did not apply to the tolls due the Bridge Companies. The Attorney-General has decided that the Union Pacific Railway begins on the east bank of the river, and that one-half the tolls due that Company must be retained by the Government, but applied to the payment of the interest due from the road.

ANOTHER CAUCUS.

The Republican Senators had another caucus this afternoon for the purpose of disposing of the proposition made by the Democrats to the effect that they be allowed additional representation on the important committees. The more conservative Republican Senators urged the strength of the claim preferred by the Democrats, and, after a somewhat severe partisan discussion, their views triumphed. The programme of the caucus as agreed on is as follows: The Committees on Pensions, Claims, Appropriations, Post-Offices, and Roads are to be increased from seven, the present number, to nine members, and on each of them the minority will be allowed a representation of two. The three leading Committees, to-wit: Finance, Foreign Relations, and Judiciary, will retain their old number of seven members, on which the minority will be allowed to have a two-sevenths representation. This action so satisfies the minority that they will hold a caucus to-morrow morning, simply to present names to fill the vacancies.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DECLINES THE EXTRA PAY.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Congressman W. R. Roberts, of this city, has written a letter to Secretary Boutwell, declining to receive the $5,000 extra pay, and directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to pay the sum into the United States Treasury. Mr. Roberts says: "I was undecided whether to distribute the amount among the charities of my Congressional District, or turn it over to the Treasury of the United States, but on consideration I have taken the proper one under the circumstances."

[*To the Associated Press.*]

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Collectors of Internal Revenue—Wm. A. Nixon, Sixth District of Iowa; Mark Flanegan, First District of Michigan; H. B. Rowlson, Third District of Michigan; O. P. Dake, Fifth District of Michigan; James Fishback, Tenth District of Illinois; John Connell, Fourth District of Iowa; John E. Blaine, Ninth District of Kentucky; Joseph Lackey, Minnesota, Department Commissioner of Pensions; C. B. Tyler, Register of the Land Office, New Ulm, Minn. Receivers of Public Moneys—P. A. Chalfant, Independence, Mo.; S. H. Wright, Carson City, Nev. Pension Agents—J. Foster, Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich.; S. Post, Detroit, Mich.; D. T. Boynton, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. H. Moore, Springfield, Ill.; J. A. Norris, Columbus, O.; James Lindsey, St. Louis, Mo.; W. T. Elliott, Nashville, Tenn.

Postmasters—E. Beebe, Decatur, Mich.; Cornelius Parmenter, Lima, O.; Robert J. Adams, Pontiac, Ill.; John L. Campbell, Olney, Ill.; H. A. Kenyon, Dwight, Ill.; B. H. Mellen, Amboy, Ill.; Daniel Sinclair, Winona, Minn.; John Kennedy, Hastings, Minn.; W. G. Cutter, Northfield, Minn.; Cornell C. Ryster, Independence, Mo.; C. J. Filly, St. Louis, Mo.; John B. Dowd, Rockville, Ind.

CONFIRMED.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations: Joseph Lackey, Minnesota, Deputy Commissioner of Pensions. Pension Agents—Samuel Post, Michigan, at Detroit; J. Foote, Jr., Michigan, at Grand Rapids; Daniel Boynton, Tennessee, at Knoxville; Jesse H. Moore, Illinois, at Springfield. Collectors of Internal Revenue—Crawley P. Dake, Fifth District of Michigan; Mark Flanagan, First District of Michigan.

GOVERNMENT DIRECTORS—UNION PACIFIC.

The President to-day reappointed the present Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for one year from to-day. They are Hiram Price and James F. Wilson, of Iowa; J. C. Harrison, Indiana; J. H. Millard, Nebraska; and D. S. Buddock, Connecticut.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

The Republican Senatorial caucus, this afternoon, agreed to add two more members to each of the Committees on Appropriations, Public Lands, Post-Office, and Privileges and Elections. Each of these Committees will have two Opposition members, as will also each of the Committees on Judiciary, Naval, and Military Affairs. Several of the Committees may have three Opposition members. The Committee on Foreign Relations will have only one Opposition member. The Republicans leave to the Opposition the filling of the reserved vacancies.

THE CABINET MEETING.

The Cabinet session to-day was of brief duration. The President was suffering from a severe cold, contracted on the inauguration day.

SENATE—EXTRA SESSION.

CLAYTON.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Mr. CLAYTON asked that his case be taken up after Caldwell's was disposed of.

Mr. WRIGHT, of the Special Committee of last session, introduced a resolution that the charges against the official conduct of Powell Clayton had not been sustained, and that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

SWORN IN.

Mr. John B. Gordon, Senator-elect from Georgia, was sworn in.

THE MACKINAC PARK.

Mr. FERRY (Mich.) introduced a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to consider and report as to the expediency of setting apart a portion of the Island of Mackinac for a public park. Some opposition was made to the resolution, but it finally passed—37 to 13.

STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, the Secretary of the Treasury was requested to furnish to the Senate, at the next session, information as to how many superficial feet of clear space is accorded to each steerage emigrant on shipboard, and to have the atmosphere of such portions of the ship to which they are assigned chemically analyzed by proper and reliable experts; and to ascertain and report upon the general treatment accorded to emigrants, and suggest such modifications in the existing laws as will secure the better comfort and treatment of such emigrants.

CALDWELL.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the case of Senator Caldwell.

His statement was read. He puts his defense upon these grounds:

First—The election of a Senator like enactment of a law is the act of a State in its sovereign capacity, and the motives of the members voting cannot be inquired into for the purpose of invalidating it.

Second—In judging of qualifications, the Senate cannot add to those presented by the Constitution. In judging of reasons, the legal requirements cannot be amplified, and in judging of elections, the only questions to be considered are: Was if the Legislature of the State that made the election? Was it held at the time and place and in the manner prescribed by act of Congress, and did the certified person receive a majority? In this case these questions are all answered in the affirmative.

Third—Not a dollar is traced from Caldwell, or by his authority, or from anybody else, to any member of the Legislature as a consideration for his vote.

Caldwell concludes as follows: "I beg, therefore, that the Senators will stop to consider well before committing themselves to a precedent which will result in a great wrong to me, and may in future work equal injury to others. I fully appreciate the dignity of a Senator of the United States, and I am proud to say, that not even the Satanic malignity of my enemies has been able to invent the breath of suspicion as to my official conduct, nor have they, after two exhaustive investigations, been able to connect me with one dollar corruptly used to influence any member of the Legislature. They have been forced to rely upon their own false statements as to my admissions, which I here, before this body and upon my conscience, pronounce wickedly and maliciously false, and I here most solemnly declare, that I never did directly or indirectly pay, or cause to be paid one dollar, or any other thing of value, or any consideration whatever for any man's vote for me for the Senate. Am I then to be the victim of a wicked conspiracy? Are these bold, bad men, whose very names are synonymous with crime and corruption in my own State to succeed by the force of their own false statements in bringing disgrace and ruin upon me; and that too because I chose to cross their political paths, and declined to submit to their unrighteous demands? Wherever my enemies could by misrepresentations prejudice me in the estimation of newspaper men, they have turned upon me the wrath of an all-powerful press. I beg the Senators to reflect that it is not alone to retain a seat in this body that I have for the past eighteen months been resisting the wicked designs of these men, but rather to defeat them in their base and infamous attempt to attach disgrace and dishonor to my name."

Mr. CARPENTER said that it was with surprise and grief he listened to the argument of the Senator from Indiana (Morton) yesterday, and said he had never before seen the Senator in the warmth of political debate vigorously extending his right hand to support his views, and bringing it down on the Senator from Kansas with all the earnestness that he would attack a political opponent. When you come to the mere fact of money having been drawn out of the Bank at Lawrence, and paid to a party on the same day, you have not proved that the money was used to bribe a legislator. The money might have been expended for railroad or other legitimate purposes. The Senate ought to confine themselves to the judicial rules of testimony. The testimony against Caldwell was not such as would be submitted by a court to a jury. As to Caldwell's guilt, he should vote against the expulsion of the Senator, and asked the Senators, before they cast their votes to disgrace him, at least to read and study the testimony. He would ask for Caldwell what he would ask for any man charged with crime. He would ask the Court to discharge its duty, no matter what might be said by mobs outside.

Without proceeding further in the debate, the Senate went into executive session, and soon afterwards

Adjourned.

NEW YORK.

Suspension of a Cotton House—Postal Reform — The Labor Question — Prison Mismanagement—The Case of Foster—Alleged Defalcation—A Batch of Murder Trials—The Samana Bay Company.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The Samana Bay Company held a meeting to-day and transacted considerable business relating to their new possession in San Domingo. A collector and fiscal agent were appointed, and wharf regulations framed. They resolved to recruit a large garrison in New York and send it down at an early moment. Quarantine regulations were adopted, and Gen. Dick Taylor, of Louisiana, was appointed Commissioner. Letters from Madrid were read proposing to lay a cable from Spain to Samana Bay. Capt. Samuels was elected Vice-President, to act as a medium between the Directors and the Samana Bay Government. Additional steamers will be placed on the route between New York and Samana. The Company purchased the steamer Tybee to-day for $57,000, and she will depart from New York to-morrow. The Company has received proposals from parties desiring to fish in Samana waters. A resolution was passed to establish a government on the peninsula, and offer real estate for sale.

The creditors of the dry goods firm of George B. Grinnell & Co., which failed in 1861, have just received their indebtedness in full from Mr. Grinnell, with interest in full for twelve years.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

NEW YORK, March 11.—The suspension of C. B. Camp & Co., cotton merchants, was announced yesterday.

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, of this city, has submitted to the Postmaster General an elaborate report upon local postal systems, and letter collection and delivery in London and Paris, with suggestions in reference to the adoption of their best features in New York.

Employers and workingmen are now beginning to discuss the proposed movement in various trades with reference to wages and hours of labor. Conflicting opinions prevail on both sides. The employers seem to be unanimous in their opposition to a reduction of hours, while the workmen are not united, and many regard favorably the ten-hour system.

The investigation into the condition of the Tombs Prison and Blackwell's Island, by one of the morning papers, shows that criminal justice here is administered in the most reckless and unjust manner. The prison discipline and management at Blackwell's Island are wanting in influences calculated to inspire any encouragement for the reform in the inmates. Police Justices are constantly committing prisoners in disregard of facts. It is a common thing at the Tombs to have cases disposed of at the rate of one a minute.

It is now publicly charged that Mrs. Putnam received $15,000 in consideration of her appeal to Gov. Dix to have the sentence of Foster, the car-hook murderer of Putnam, commuted to lesser punishment. A number of gentlemen, cognizant of the facts, have petitioned the Governor to decide the case only on its merits.

The *Times* again urges a commutation of Foster's sentence. The case excites much public attention. A letter from Hon. Wm. Orton, President Western Union Telegraph Company, is published to-day in favor of commutation, based on the application of the jurors that they never regarded the condemned guilty of murder in the first degree.

Treasurer Winant, of Staten Island, is said to have defaulted to the extent of $36,000. The Supervisors are to sue him for that amount.

The Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's steamers Moro Castle and Columbia were sold at auction to-day, by order of the United States District Court. Both were purchased by W. H. Starbruck. It is rumored they will soon be transferred to the old company.

The impending strike of the carpenters has not fully developed, but the men are determined to resist payment by the hour. Committees were appointed to confer with bosses, in the hope of an amicable arrangement.

The Board of Apportionment has authorized the issue of bonds in $8,800,000 for widening and paving Broadway.

The homicide cases of Rosenzweig, Hegger, and Sharkey will be ready for trial next week.

Patrick Leary, the wife-murderer, will be examined by medical experts in insanity.

Van Syckel, the Brooklyn wife-poisoner, has been refused a writ of habeas corpus, and his trial is set for April.

In the Over and Terminer Court, to-day, when the District Attorney moved for the trial of Bleakeley, for the murder of his niece, Maud Merrill, Counsel asked postponement, saying the accused insisted that he was sane, while the counsel considered him insane. A medical commission will probably consider Bleakeley's sanity.

The counsel for Nixon said insanity would not be raised in that case.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Penitentiary Investigation—The Lake Front Bill.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, March 11.—The Penitentiary Committee held a session to-night, and Commissioner Reed testified in effect that the property in the prison was not appraised as high in the last report of the Commissioners by $2,611 as by the special Committee of 1871. There was added during the last year, $15,742.35 worth of property, and the only articles appraised higher were bedcots which rose about $1,000 in value. The State owed the prison about $40,000 for stone, part of which was due other parties. There was owing the State $30,000 of assets, making the entire profits $25,000. He testified further that the quarry was the property of his wife. He was cross-examined at length, nothing new being developed.

Col. Beardsley, of Rock Island, testified that he was in no way interested in the Rosenfield contract and the Committee passed a resolution exonerating him from all the charges, so that the Senate might not hesitate to confirm his nomination as Trustee of the Soldiers' Orphan Home.

After much wrangling among counsel, the Committee adjourned to meet on Thursday, when Gov. Palmer will testify relative to the conduct of the prison.

In the Senate Municipal Committee, to-night, Senator Brooks moved to refer the Lake Front Front Repealing bill to the Judiciary, which was lost, and the Chairman was instructed to report it to the Senate without recommendation, which will be done to-morrow.

The same Committee voted unanimously to recommend the passage of House bill 19, relative to Chicago taxes. The prospect of its passage through the Senate is excellent.

The Case of Senator Bogy.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—The *Republican* has a special from Jefferson City, Mo., which says it is understood there that a memorial was drawn up at the Planters' House, in St. Louis, on Sunday, by several leading Democrats, in and out of the Legislature, and forwarded to the Committee on Privileges and Elections at Washington, which contains some new testimony in the alleged Bogy bribery matter. The purport of this testimony is said to be that during the last Senatorial Democratic caucus, after Gen. Phelps had been dropped, Col. McAfee, the law partner of Phelps, determined to urge the Phelps men to vote for Blair, and with this view called some of Phelps' friends out of the caucus and told them Phelps desired his friends to vote for Blair, as he (Phelps) had been beaten by the money of Bogy. A leading member, who was working for Bogy, came out of the caucus room at this time, and stated to members in the rotunda, and who were Phelps men, that Bogy would give $10,000 to be elected. Maj. Melton and Gen. Joe Shelby, who were in the rotunda at the time, are said to have heard and commented upon this offer. It is further stated that Mr. Hutchins, the member from St. Louis, who is evidently referred to in the dispatch as the leading member who was working for Bogy, had a short talk with another member, and that that member and one or two others who had avowed their intention to vote for Blair went into the caucus and voted for Bogy. These statements, it is said, will be sworn to, and the names of the witnesses will be sent on with the memorial.

POLITICAL.

New Hampshire Election.

CONCORD, N. H., March 11.—The annual election for Governor, Railroad Commissioners, three members of Congress, State Counsellors, and members of the Legislature took place to-day. The canvass has been remarkably quiet. In many localities it was difficult to reach voting places in consequence of the bad weather and deep snow. Gov. Straw received the support of the Republicans for re-election, and ex-Gov. James A. Weston, the support of the Democrats. S. K. Mason and John Blackman were the nominees of the Liberal Republicans and Prohibitory-Liquor-law men, respectively, for Governor. The present Congressional delegation, Hibbard, Bell, and Parker, are Democrats, and candidates for re-election. The Republican candidates are W. B. Small, A. F. Pike, and S. G. Griffin. Eighty-one towns give Straw (Republican) 12,556, Weston (Democrat) 12,662, Blackman (Temperance) 401, Mason (Liberal) 267. The indications at present (9 p. m.) are that there is no election for Governor by the people.

CONCORD, N. H., March 11—11 p. m.—One hundred and twelve towns give Straw 18,655; Weston, 17,599; scattering, 889. Straw's majority, 167. The same towns last year gave 1,538 majority for Straw.

LATER.—One hundred and sixteen towns give Straw 21,639; Weston, 19,161; Blackman, 710; Mason, 336. The net loss for Straw from last year is 640. The Republicans think it probable that Democratic Congressmen are elected from the three districts, and that there is no election of Governor by the people. They claim the Senate and the House, the former by a small majority.

CONCORD, N. H., March 11—Midnight.—One hundred and thirty towns give Straw 24,971; Weston, 21,857; Blackman (Temperance), 826; and Mason (Liberal), 466. The relative gains and losses show a Republican net loss of 908.

The telegraph office at Island Pond was burned this evening, and the election returns from the towns in the upper part of the State will probably not be received to-night.

Massachusetts Senatorship.

BOSTON, Mass., March 11.—The State Senate this afternoon, on the first ballot for a United States Senator, gave 10 votes for Boutwell, 11 for Dawes, 9 for Loring, and 4 for Hoar, the rest being scattering, 39 of the 40 votes being given. In the House, Boutwell had 110 votes; Dawes, 83; Loring, 16; Hoar, 7; Whiting, 9; Banks, 9; 3 scattering, 237 votes being given.

There were four ballots in the State Senate this afternoon for Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Wilson in the United States Senate, and in consequence of the great pressure brought to bear on the members, there was no choice on the part of that body. On the second ballot Dawes had 15 votes; Boutwell 10; Loring 8; and 5 scattering; total, 38. On the third and fourth ballots, Dawes had 12; Boutwell, 9; Loring, 9; and 8 scattering. At this point the voting was postponed.

In the House, the second ballot resulted in the choice of Boutwell, who received 124 votes of 238 given, Dawes getting 92; Loring, 10; Whiting, 6; and the rest scattering. The result was a surprise to the supporters of Dawes, and to-night a number of them had a caucus, and resolved to stick by their candidate. It was also announced that Whiting would probably withdraw in the Convention to-morrow in favor of Dawes, but even the full vote of Whiting will not help Dawes, and it is generally conceded here, this evening, that Boutwell will be elected on the first ballot of the two branches of the Legislature, in convention at noon to-morrow.

Democratic Nominations at Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, March 11.—The Democrats of this county to-day nominated B. P. L. Baker and J. T. Richley, of Columbus, as candidates for members of the Constitutional Convention. The Democratic Judicial Convention of this district to-day nominated E. F. Bingham for the Common Pleas Court.

THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

Doubts About the Modocs Surrendering—Political News.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—A dispatch from Yreka, this evening, says Frank Merritt arrived last night from Fairchild's. He says Capt. Jack was to be in last Friday to treat with Gen. Canby. Instead of his coming, Boston and Limpy came with the report that Capt. Jack's principal men were hunting deer, and as soon as they came he would meet the General. He appointed Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to meet at the Point of Rocks, near Tule Lake, where he would have his squaws and children. He wanted only the General, Applegate, and the Commission to come, without any soldiers, and to bring three wagons. The General will send up three wagons and a few men as agreed, but he will take good care to have the soldiers within hailing distance, as all the white men, even Steele and Riddle, are afraid of treachery, or believe they will not surrender. When "Bogus Charley" was at Fairchild's, he boasted he was good for twenty soldiers; that the Modocs could divide up into small parties of two and three and commit raids on the settlers. The soldiers could not catch them. "Charley" stole a can of powder while at Fairchild's, and on his way back to the lava-bed found a lot of cartridges for needle-guns which had been dropped by a soldier near the military camps. The Indians, undoubtedly, have plenty of arms and ammunition. Unless they surrender on Monday, we doubt very much they are treacherously playing some points to gain the advantage.

The stock-raisers in the Modoc section complain of losing a large number of their cattle and sheep. The Indians are killing what they need, and so are the Oregon teamsters, who work by the day and board themselves. Besides these, some soldiers also kill cattle and sheep.

Lieut. Boutel and two non-commissioned officers, en route for Beddington to bring some recruits for the First Cavalry, arrived this

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Meeting of Farmers of Ford County, Ill.--Speech of Mr. S. R. Moore.

Resolutions of the Farmers' Club of Orland, Cook County, Ill.

The Question of State-Ownership--Action of the People of Weymouth, Mass.--Further Views of Mr. Edward Atkinson.

How the Farmers Suffer From the Tariff.--"Protection" More Oppressive Than the Railroads.

Convention of Farmers of Ford County, Ill.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

PAXTON, Ill., March 10, 1873.

A meeting of the farmers of this (Ford) County was held at the Court-House, for the purpose of organizing a county association. The attendance was large, every part of the county being well represented.

Throughout the meeting good order was maintained, the speeches and reports being listened to with marked attention.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

The temporary officers were: President, John Karr; Vice-President, Hiram Constant; Secretary, Merton Dunlap.

The following committees were appointed: Permanent Officers—Noel, Kusey, and Mitchell; Resolutions—Cumming, Constant, and Kirkpatrick.

The committees retired for deliberation, when

S. R. MOORE, OF KANKAKEE,

was introduced. The speaker commenced his address by referring to the many national advantages our producers possess, in a productive soil and temperate climate; and then proceeded to point out our real condition, and showed that but few farmers were earning more than a bare living. He said the public have been too prosperous in the past to be aware of the chains that were being fastened on them, or to combine against these attacks upon their most important interests. But an indifference that was very natural when wheat was worth $2 per bushel and corn 60 cents, will be found to be a very unnatural one when corn is worth only 20 cents, and other farm products in proportion. The universal depression that now prevails in the agricultural and mercantile classes in the West is due to the monopolies that exert a controlling influence over all industries, chief of which is the Railroad Monopoly, and its twin brother in iniquity; the Protective Tariff. We must make war upon both of these robbers, and we will never succeed in conquering the one first named until we crush the other. The United States census of 1850 showed the average wealth of each individual in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to be nearly equal. In 1870, the wealth of each individual in Pennsylvania had doubled, while it re mained nearly stationary in the other named States. The tariff had doubled the aggregate wealth of one State, which it had exacted from the labor of the whole. And the same was true of Pennsylvania was equally true of New England. By railroad monopoly and unjust tariff protection, the West paid an unjust tribute to fill up their overflowing coffers; and then this money which is thus robbed from us, the robbers loan to us again at usurious rates of interest, and take a mortgage upon our lands to secure the bond.

But I shall proceed directly to the railroad monopoly,—not that it is the greater evil, but because it is more directly felt by you, and therefore has awakened a greater degree of interest. The speaker then proceeded to show that experience has taught us that there is no competition in the railroad system, but the inevitable result is combination, the massing of great trunk-lines into one interest, and then "pooling" the earnings, and fixing upon an arbitrary tariff for freights, limited only by the rapacity of the roads, and the ability of the producer to pay it.

Another grievance of a most frightful character consists in the process of "watering stock." The polite name in railroad circles is "capitalizing the earnings;" the vulgar name is stealing. The producers are not only compelled to pay a tariff on freights that yield a dividend of 10 per cent upon the actual capital, but also a dividend of an equal amount upon the watered stock. I cannot tell you a moiety of the watering process in one address. If I did tell you the whole extent of it, you would think I was telling some fairy tale, or drawing a fancy picture. I will refer you to an instance of this process, as taken from the report of the officers of the Corporation, Jacksonville, Alton and Cleveland Canals & Painsville Railroad had a capital of $300,000. For six years it paid dribble dividends as follows:

	In stock, per cent.	*In bonds, per cent.*	*In cash, per cent.*
1862	10	15½	10
1863	10	....	13
1864	10	....	26
1865	25	....	10
1866	....	....	10
1867	75	20	10
Six years	120	33½	79

Making aggregate dividends in six years of 232½ per cent. These dividends commenced on a capital stock of $8,300,000. The happy possessor of $10,000 of stock held at the end of six years, $25,500, in stock and bonds for the investment of $10,000. In the meantime, he received $7,900 in cash dividends, a most brilliant robbery.

How is it with the farmer in the meantime? I watched his history for six years. He came West with $10,000, and bought a well-improved farm on the Illinois Central of

160 acres, at $40 per acre	$6,400
Four horses	500
Two wagons	250
One buggy	125
One reaper and mower	125
Harness and farm tools	500
	$7,850

The balance he invested in cattle and stock hogs. His wife was industrious, and made butter and cheese, and sold it. His two sons worked faithfully with the father. The girls did the housework, and assisted at the butter and cheese. At the end of six years, his farm is mortgaged $1,500; the land has depreciated largely in value. The whole family worked from 12 to 14 hours per day, in all kinds of weather; and, at the end of six years, he cannot dispose of his entire property and realize his first investment. This is no fancy picture. What became of this farmer's years of hard labor, and his family's toil? Watered stock, railroad extortion, and tariff monopoly took it.

The watered stock of the New York Central & Hudson River Road to Buffalo, 442 miles, is $57,876,900

Buffalo to Chicago, via Lake Shore, 540 miles 20,065,870

Total $77,942,570
First cost $35,979,433

This watered stock represents an amount equal to $79,000 per mile. The average price of carrying one bushel of corn to New York from Chicago, for the past five years, has been 32 cents per bushel during the five winter months. Had it not been for the watered stock, which is practically equal to the actual cost of the road, this corn could have been carried at 16 cents per bushel, and make the same dividends on the actual capital as 32 cents does on the actual and bogus capital, and the 16 cents per bushel saved would have been left with the farmer. This road is in the Vanderbilt interest, and extends to Omaha via the Milwaukee & St. Paul Road; and the watered stock from Omaha to New York, in this interest, is $135,125,430.

The speaker then exposed the watered stock on the Pennsylvania Central and its extensions, and the Erie Road and the Gould interests, and, by carefully-prepared figures, showed that the Vanderbilt, Gould, and Scott interests extorted from the West an annual tribute of not less than $31,000,000. He argued that, sooner or later, Congress must enact laws to regulate the railroad system; but we can't look to Congress for immediate relief. Illinois is many years in advance in this movement. The South does not yet feel this oppression so badly as her other wrongs, and her co-operation in Congress cannot be hoped for until her other wrongs are righted. The New England and pig-iron Pennsylvania protective-tariff robber is intermarried with the railroad monopoly robber; the fall of one will cause the destruction of the other; and we can look for no immediate help in this direction. And, when I see the people's representatives, of all parties, creeds, and colors, deliberately vote $1,500,000 of your money (and which you can only pay by selling corn at 20 cents per bushel) in order to steal $5,000 each, then my heart fails me to expect justice from Congress until it is purified. The Congressman who will thus steal $5,000 of his constituents' money *will sell his vote to a tariff or railroad monopoly for a less sum.*

In this meantime, we must look to our own State for all the relief that she can give us, by the enactment and enforcement of stringent laws, that will protect our interests. The first duty of a government is to protect the citizen from wrong and oppression; and the State that fails in this first duty is a delusion and a snare, and the sooner it is abolished the better for the people. Better have no government than a government that affords you no protection, and protects your foe.

The railroads claim these extraordinary rights by reason of their charters. I affirm that there is but one railroad in the State of Illinois that *has a legal charter, or has a legal corporate existence.* All existing roads have been built since the adoption of the Constitution of 1848. Art. 10, Sec. 1, of that instrument says: "Corporations not possessing banking powers shall not be created by special acts, except for municipal purposes, and in case where, in the judgment of the General Assembly, the objects of the corporation cannot be attained under general laws." Railroads and corporations; they are not for municipal purposes, nor do they have banking powers; hence, the Constitution says they shall not be created by special laws, which means by private charters. In 1849 the Legislature passed an excellent general corporation act, which has remained ever since in force; and that act provides that the railroads should be subject to the legislative will, and remain under State control. In violation of the Constitution, and in fraud of the rights of the people, the railroads prepared special charters, and organized under them; *and there is but one railroad in the State of Illinois* whose charter is in conformity to this constitutional provision. The courts can declare, and will declare, the charters void, being in violation of the Constitution. The question came before our Supreme Court, when the Court said: "It is now too late to raise this [constitutional] objection, since, by the action of the General Assembly under this clause, special acts have been so long the order of the day, and the ruling passion with every Legislature which is convened under the Constitution, until their acts of this description fill a large and misshapen volume, and important and valuable interests are claimed under them. *This clause of the Constitution has been wholly disregarded*, but it would now produce wide-spread ruin to declare these acts unconstitutional and void."

The Court shows conclusively, by its reasoning, that the charters are unconstitutional; but, because of a great public exigency, the Court would acquiesce in their corporate existence. But, when these same corporations organized in violation of the Constitution, and in fraud of the law, became a fearful machinery of extortion and oppression, defying State authority, and setting the laws aside, there will no longer exist a great public necessity that will compel the courts to acquiesce in their corporate existence; but, when the viper stings to death the hand which fostered it, the public necessity will compel the courts to pronounce the righteous judgment of the law upon them.

The character of a railroads as *public* corporations, as distinguished from *private* corporations, was discussed at length. The roads are *public* corporations when they receive State grant, State or National subsidies, county or town aid; they are public when they exercise the right of eminent domain; they admit they are public corporations for all purposes of interest to themselves, but claim to be private, when the State seeks to protect her citizens from extortionate charges. The Speaker cited numerous cases wherein the Courts held the railroads to be public corporations, and held subject to legislative control.

He urged the people to make this war inside of the law, and under the law, and by the law, and eventually the victory will be ours.

At this point, the Committee came in, when the Speaker ceased his remarks, although urged by the audience to continue.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Committee on Permanent Officers reported the following nominations, which were unanimously elected: J. D. Kilgore, President; Merton Dunlap, Recording-Secretary; Albert Cumming, Corresponding-Secretary; Benjamin Ferris, Treasurer. Executive Committee—W. W. Nook, O. W. Mebane, John Richardson. Each township association was instructed to elect a Vice-President for this association.

Mr. Ferris reported a constitution for the government of the association, which was adopted without dissent.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions, reported by the Committee, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, as farmers, are in favor of strict obedience to law, and demand a strict enforcement of the same.

Resolved, That we do not ignore the rights of others, but that we demand of our representatives the enactment of such laws as shall restrict all corporations, and prevents extortion and unjust discrimination, and to so amend our laws as to meet every emergency and the requirements of the county.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the appointment of men as Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners who are not directly and in full sympathy with the agricultural interests of the country.

Resolved, That we hereby instruct our Senators and Representatives to use their influence for the passage of such laws as will authorize the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners to prosecute all suits brought by or against citizens of Illinois for violation of a reasonable freight and passenger tariff on railroads.

Resolved, That we demand that banks shall be taxed on their circulation of currency, and regard the present rule as unjustly discriminating, making the burden of taxation unequally heavy on the farmers.

Resolved, That we demand the enforcement of our views at the next election, regardless of all political parties; and that we will vote for only such men as vindicate our rights, regardless of party preferences.

An opportunity was then given to all desiring to become members, when nearly all present came forward and signed the Constitution.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet the first Saturday in June, unless the President deem it necessary to meet before that time.

Resolutions of the Orland Farmers' Club.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Below is a series of resolutions passed by the Orland (Cook County) Farmers' Club, March 1, 1873, as expressing our view of the present situation. By a vote, the Secretary was instructed to furnish copies of the same to THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, *Western Rural, Inter-Ocean*, and *Prairie Farmer* for publication:

Resolved, 1. That cheap transportation is vital to the interests of both producer and consumer,—to the East as well as the West; and every combination to extort more than is legal or just ought no longer to be tolerated.

2. That, by reason of the extortionate charges on railroads, we are handling our grain at ruinous prices. Labor and the laborer is thus degraded. Our interests therefore, and that of our families, the interests of *labor everywhere*, and our *self-respect*, demand of us that we find a remedy and apply it.

3. That we call upon every department of the State Government—Legislature, Executive, and Judicial—for the enactment and enforcement of wholesome laws and regulations against the extortion and unjust discriminations of railroad companies and other monopolies.

4. That this question of railroad extortion, and rebates against labor in any form, seriously affects the interests of the great mass of our people; and we will not cease our efforts until the matter is satisfactorily settled by law.

5. That the shortest and best method of bring this question of railroad tariffs and freights to a speedy decision is for the people, in every instance, to tender only the legal tariff.

6. That the proposition to improve and enlarge the line of water communication by way of the lakes and the St. Lawrence, and the further extension of the vast interior river system of the country, together with additional outlets to the sea, will receive the hearty support of every farmer in the West; and we feel that we have a right to expect the early prosecution of these measures to a full and final completion, by the General Government.

7. That Congress has the undoubted right to regulate commerce between the States. We, therefore, earnestly invoke the action of Congress to save that department of labor which feeds and sustains all the rest, from the injustice and extortion of the railroads of our country, which now seriously cripple our resources and threaten our ruin.

8. That, in view of the fact stated in the *Inter-Ocean* of Feb. 20, that the cost of sewing machines is from $5 to $7, or, with table and all complete, from $10 to $30, while they are sold at from $60 to $125, we are often reminded of the fact that we pay enormous profits to manufacturers and middle-men. Now, therefore, resolved, that we will use old mowers, reapers, and plows; wear our old hats, coats, pants, and *bonnets*; and paddle our own canoe generally, until we can purchase at prices somewhat corresponding to the prices we get for our products and labor.

9. That hereafter, in purchasing implements, manufactures, and machinery, we will give middle-men and agents the go-by whenever we can do so, and pledge ourselves to neither buy of companies who refuse to sell except through their agents.

10. That we deem it important that every town and county in the State (our own county of Cook amongst the rest) organize at once, so that there may be united, vigorous, persistent action all along the line.

11. That we do not believe the doctrine that the people of Illinois, through their citizens to railroad corporations, have conferred privileges whereby said corporations have the right to war against the best interests of our people, laugh to scorn the decisions of courts, and ride rough-shod over laws made by our Legislature, without being brought to account.

WILLIAM JENKINS,
Secretary Orland Club.

The Question of State Ownership.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Weymouth, Mass., held at their Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, March 31, A. D. 1873, the following resolutions, offered by Nathaniel Blanchard, were unanimously adopted:

1. That the railroad corporations of this country, chartered by the people for the "public good," have become, through consolidations, the most gigantic monopoly of private capital now or ever existing upon this earth.

2. That this monopoly, by exorbitant transportation charges, have unjustly taken from the people many millions of money, which their managers have used in corrupting the law-makers, in subsidizing the press, in controling the finances, in paying large dividends upon their watered stocks, and last, but not least, in filling their own pockets with the earnings of through line cars furnished by dispatch freight companies, at an annual profit of nearly or quite 100 per cent.

3. That these railroad managers, in advancing grain-freights between Chicago and Boston, last fall, from 45 to 70 cents per 100 lbs (more than 55 per cent), virtually said to the Western farmers, "Your bountiful crop of corn shall prove a curse instead of a blessing; we will take all the benefit of this crop. If you are not satisfied, you can keep your corn, *or burn it*; the people have no rights that railway kings are bound to respect."

4. That the public for whose good the line of railroad from Boston to Albany was chartered do not all reside in Europe; and, in our opinion, the present tariff, which provides that wheat and corn brought from the West to Boston for the use of our own citizens shall pay $1 per ton (about 3 cents per bushel) higher freight than like shipments intended for European consumption, is an unjust discrimination against the people of Massachusetts, who especially need cheap food to enable them to sustain their large manufacturing interests.

5. That the managers of the Boston & Albany Railroad, by adopting a prohibitory tariff of $45 per car for freight to Boston, on grain brought to Albany by the Erie Canal, and a fluctuating tariff, sometimes below $16 per car of 20,000 lbs., freight to Boston, on grain brought to Albany by the New York Central Railroad, have secured to Commodore Vanderbilt a New England business said to amount to three-fifths of all his through traffic.

6. That the Boston & Albany Railroad and the State of Massachusetts (its largest stockholder) have, by the unjust and discriminating tariffs before mentioned, prevented the people of Massachusetts from shipping their grain from the West via lake and canal to Albany,—a route against which no railroad transportation can successfully compete during more than one-half of the year,—and have secured to Commodore Vanderbilt the large New England business without which he could not have given his stockholders (mostly himself and family) $45,000,000 of watered stock, and paid them 4 per cent semi-annual dividends thereon.

7. That the Hoosac Tunnel should be wholly controlled by the State of Massachusetts, and a public railroad running from Boston to Troy, through said tunnel, should be purchased or built as soon as practicable.

8. That, in our opinion, the Legislature now in session should purchase the Boston & Albany Railroad at the price agreed upon in its charter, and secure to the people of Massachusetts a public railroad whose management, acting for the "public good" only, shall say to the great Vanderbilt monopoly, "Your chains are broken; we will take your business upon the same terms we charge for like business brought to us by canal or otherwise." We ask the Legislature to make this purchase at once, because

First—The people require immediate relief from the heavy burdens now unjustly imposed upon them by railroad managers, and cannot obtain that relief from the Hoosac Tunnel route for a number of years.

Second—This railroad, which can be bought for about $25,000,000, including the shares now owned by the State, is to-day worth fully $10,000,000 more than it will cost, and is now earning more than 6 per cent per annum upon a capital of $39,000,000.

Third—This railroad is now in full operation,—a first-class road, fully equipped, with a large and rapidly increasing business, which will pay back to the people of Massachusetts all its cost, with interest, in from ten to fifteen years, provided the rates of transportation are not too largely reduced, thus securing to the people of Massachusetts a railroad property of great value; which value must continue to increase until some better mode of transportation is invented.

Votal, That a copy of the above resolutions be furnished to the press for publication.

A true copy of record.

Attest: FRANCIS AMBLER, Clerk.

WEYMOUTH, March 3, 1873.

Another Argument by Edward Atkinson.

In second interview with the Railroad Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature, Mr. Edward Atkinson presented the following view against State ownership:

I have charged my adult mill operatives ten pounds of meat and flour a week each. Let me charge every man, woman, and child in Massachusetts (say 1,500,000) one-half pound of meat and one-half pound of flour a day, and you may see from that it shall all come from Chicago at a fair average summer and winter charge of $15 per ton, and how much do you suppose such charge comes to? Just 273,750 tons a year, at $15, $4,106,250. The tax you now impose on the people of Massachusetts for the annual interest charge on the money sunk in the Hoosac Tunnel alone is nearly one-fourth this sum. Will any advocate of further State ownership dare to reduce the figures I have given to the actual facts? Will any one deny that the annual tax now imposed upon the people, to pay the interest only on the Hoosac Tunnel debt is equal to at least one-third, if not one-half, the cost of transportation of all the flour and meat and meat consumed in this entire commonwealth? Let me put this in a formula that he who runs may understand. The cost of the tunnel, to this date, has been from $12,000,000 to $14,000,000, as given by the State Auditor, but this is only the apparent cost; if the cost of taxes already paid to meet the interest has been added to the cost of the legislative wrangling, the printing, and other expenses that have not been charged to their account, is there any man here who dare deny that the tunnel and its railroad has cost, or will cost when completed, at least $20,000,000? The annual interest on this sum will be $1,200,000. Taking the average of years, $1,200,000 will pay the transportation charge on 1,200,000 barrels of flour, at summer rates, from Chicago to the centre of Massachusetts, and this quantity of flour would supply every man, woman, and child in the State with three pounds and one ounce of flour per week,—equal to three-fourths of a pound of bread per day. If this is true, and I think it cannot be gainsaid, then the effort to compass State construction of a tunnel ostensibly intended to cheapen the bread of the people of this State, works at this time in such manner as to put the great wheat-field of the West 1,000 miles further off. You will pay the railways $1,200,000 a year for bringing your flour, and you pay in addition a tax equal to that sum. On the one hand, Congress has pushed the great food-producing British Provinces 1,000 miles away from us by a National tax; on the other hand, the State has pushed the great wheat-field of our own country 1,000 miles further off than it really is by a State tax, and the people of Massachusetts are now called upon to indorse the acts and to request you to enact more preposterous measures of the same pernicious kind on the false pretense of promoting cheap food for the poor.

A Government Double-Track Road.

HANOVER, Jo Daviess Co., Ill., March 7, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: There have appeared in THE TRIBUNE lately several articles on the subject of how we farmers are to get our surplus produce to market, so that we may have something for our year's labor; that we may divide the profits with the transportation companies, for we think there is some profit in farming if it was equally divided. During the summer season there are pretty good facilities for getting our produce off, but that is only one-half of the year. During the other half of the year, our produce is put into warehouses and elevators all along the railroads; and in your city a great deal is stored during the winter months. Now, all this costs something, and the grain has to pay for it. The railroads east of Chicago are unable to carry the produce forward, even at the present exorbitant rates. What the people want is, in my opinion, a good double-track railroad from some point on the Missouri River, running East through the heavy grain-producing States to the seaboard, say from Sioux City, through Central Iowa, thence across the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. This road should be built by the General Government, and operated by it, adjusting its rates for freight, so that the revenue from it would pay the interest on the money invested in building the road, the operating expenses, keeping in repair, &c. This road would be able to carry an immense amount of freight, one train after another going at the rate of about 10 miles per hour, each way.

There might be passenger coaches attached to some of the trains, for the accommodation of those who wished to patronize them. This, I think, would give us cheap freights, as competing lines would have to lower their rates in order to get their share of the carrying trade.

This would be the best way to bring these monopolies to their bearings, by building a rival road, over which they could have no control, and no individual or corporation should ever have any interest in it. In this way, the grain could be loaded in the cars by the farmers, and be subject to no other charge, except for conveying the same to wherever it is destined for market. In this way I think a car-load of corn or wheat could be loaded in Iowa, and delivered in New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore, for 20 cents per bushel. Now corn East is worth about 65 cents per bushel, and here in the West from 15 to 20 cents per bushel. If we could add about 15 cents per bushel to the price of our corn, it would pay something for raising it. That would make our crop in Illinois worth, say, 35 cents. Then pay 20 cents freight to the Eastern cities, and they would still get their corn for 10 cents per bushel less than they now do. The same would apply to all Western produce that is sent to market. The trains returning would bring the heavy freight for the merchant, thereby making it a benefit to all.

The General Government spends a great deal of money for the improvement of rivers and harbors. If it would undertake the building of this road, I think it would be not only self-sustaining, but be a great blessing to the country, both East and West.

JOHN SPEER.

P. S.—If this road should be built, we don't want any Credit Mobilier of America mixed up with it.

J. S.

Government Railroads.

From the Springfield (Ill.) Journal.

In his address before the Farmers' Convention, in this city, on the 4th, Gov. Palmer suggested a remedy for high rates and unjust discriminations, in a condemnation by the State of the use of railroad tracks, for all parties choosing to place trains upon them, upon payment of fixed rates of toll, as in the case of turnpikes.

The feasibility of opening railroads to free use and competition has been of late much discussed.

It may be assumed that when a State interposes its right of eminent domain in order to take private property for railroad tracks it does not renounce or exhaust the right; for a Government cannot, by legislation, limit or diminish its sovereign power. It may upon a proper emergency, and for the public good, exercise its right of eminent domain by condemning to public uses the very property and privileges before granted to a corporation,—of course making just compensation.

If the State of Illinois wishes to own the right of way and depot grounds, and the superstructure and rails of all the railroads within its limits, the power may possibly be found in its sovereign right of eminent domain.

But it may be doubted, whether the State can, while the reality remains vested through the concession of the right of eminent domain, the superstructure, railway, etc., yet remain in the corporation, take the use of it? Gov. Palmer is an able lawyer, and can see the point of difference and difficulty at once.

The safer conclusion would seem to be that, while railroad companies are recognized as entitled to proprietary title and ownership, they must retain the use. We did, during the rebellion, take control of and operate railroads, but that was in the exercise of the war power, where the law of necessity prevailed over all other.

If a move is to be made in that direction *at all*, it is best to make no half-way halting place, but bravely go at once to the logical conclusion, for an imperial assertion of the sovereign power in the condemnation of our railroads; to be paid for, and afterwards run under State authority, and for State profit to the end. Then, the State could make double tracks, and opening them to all comers, sit down at the gate with Argus eyes and Briarean arms and—collect tolls! What the gross amount of damages would be, on fair condemnation; whether the tolls would pay it, or its interest; what would be the economical aspect of the business in the hands of many thousands of public servants appointed for political service or through personal favoritism, let all experience answer.

Most citizens will be alarmed, not only in view of the enormous cost and public debt created by such a measure, but by the fear as to its working afterwards. What a party-machine such a force of men and money would make!

Some favor the control of all lines of railroads throughout the States by the General Government under acts of Congress. Well, if Congress can control, Congress can condemn, and Congress can run, our railroads. Those who stickle for State rights, may well draw back before they reach the end of the matter.

Is it better to let capital do its own work? The General Assembly of Illinois has the power under our Constitution to regulate the use of capital and the management of our railroads, as to correct the present evils, without confiscation or purchase of railroad property. Our Government does not find it necessary to control telegraphs, telephones, express companies, steamboats are carelessly managed and blown up occasionally. The city of Springfield does not buy up all the public vehicles as the right way to prevent dangerous driving; for there is, in the law, and in the hands of law-makers, a restraining and regulating power. To go now and buy up our railroads, is to confess that we cannot control them.

Why not take our railroad system as we have made it, and, having found out by costly experience wherein its ills abuses, proceed by good and wholesome laws to apply the corrective? Evidently we are not quite prepared to make all our railroads State property, and *pay for them*; nor to condemn the use of them for the conveniences of innumerable transportation companies. For were all that done, it would be companies—of course, incorporated companies, that would own the rolling stock and do the carrying—not the individual farmers of the State, by any manner of means!

The Tariff vs. The Farmer.

From the Princeton (Ill.) Tribune.

The producing class, at the present time, is greatly agitated and worked up against the railroads of the country. After a careful survey of the whole matter, we feel satisfied that there is but one remedy for the ills that now beset them upon every side, and that is, by making their interests a political issue in every election where officers are to be chosen, and then combine and elect such men only as will stand by them in every instance. This course will bring speedy relief from all sides.

But the farmers justly condemn the extortionate charges and unjust discriminations of the railroad companies, but it is a singular fact that the greater part of these producers, who are the loudest in their cry against railroads, have all along voted for men to represent them in Congress who they knew, or might have known, were in favor of a high tariff upon them, which is as onerous as that taken by the railways, if not more so. A tax of $25 for steel rails and $40 for chairs, and $50 for spikes per ton, is a heavy tax, but that is what railways have to pay under the present tariff. Of course we have to pay it all back again to them in their charges. Every man who has ever had to pay for the steel used in all agricultural implements from 30 to 45 per cent of a tax, and the iron used on same from $20 to $30 per ton. And then again he is compelled to pay a tax of 20 per cent on all descriptions of lumber used for building and fencing, and so on. The tax on these articles might be excused upon principles of patriotism, if it brought any revenue into the Treasury. But it does nothing of the kind. It goes directly into the pockets of the iron and lumber manufacturers. Both the iron and lumber manufacturers have for years been successfully competing with similar manufacturers of other nations, in the markets of the world. In 1871 we carried iron, and the manufactures of iron, to Canada, West Indies, France, Mexico, Sandwich Islands, Hayti, San Domingo, and the Central American States; wood, and the manufactures of wood, to nearly every country on the globe. And yet the great producing classes of the West, the hard-working class, the bone and sinew of the country, must be taxed to support the rich manufacturers of the East, the aristocracy of the country.

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WASHINGTON.

The Currency as a Corrupter--Counterfeit Money and Duplicated Bonds.

The Demoralization of Capitoline Society--Sypher.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1873.

TALK WITH AN ENGRAVER.

You have probably met, amongst your acquaintances, this kind of a man: An agreeable, decorous, thrifty, well-to-do gentleman, who will talk with you intelligently about the growing evils of the country and of the general corruption of politics, but will, at the same time, inflexibly pursue his private purposes against the Government, under the belief that, in the destruction imminent over everybody, the best way to anticipate it is to make one's stake and share so big that it can bear one up above the common calamity. The country is full of people who deprecate corruption, but do not arrest their personal scheme which is a part of it.

The gentleman in this case referred to was taken with a communicative mood. He knew perfectly well that he could tell me nothing of consequence which I would not print, but it is queer that very many careful men have somewhere concealed about them a hidden desire to give points against their class to newspaper-people. Said this gentleman:

"I AM ONE OF THE OLDEST ENGRAVERS

in this country. There is an investigation one day to be made into the currency of the country, which will startle you, and your newspapers and all their readers. There is a $10 bill. Take it,—look at it! Do you see anything notable about it?"

I looked the bill all over, and then the man all over, and saw nothing to excite a remark in either. "There is nothing particular about that bill," he said, "except that it is counterfeit. There are eighteen distinct counterfeits on the $10 bill; and, as an engraver, I know that they represent eighteen different counterfeiting gangs. I got this bill from a street-car conductor in New York. I got into his car, and, as he came along, I said, 'My friend, I am sorry to ask you for so much change, but really I have nothing less than $20.' 'O!' said he, 'I'll oblige you,' and, in a smiling way, he gave me this bill and a quantity of 50-cent fractional currency. I put the whole away in my pocket, and, being an engraver, I got to looking at the number 37 on the lantern window of the car. Thought I to myself, 'That's a remarkably handsome 7 for a common painter to make.' You know that an engraver notices such things. Well, that evening I went into the Astor House, and, going up to the white-haired colored man who sells cigars there, and is known to everybody in New York, I tendered him one of the 50-cent papers. Old Jimmy looked at it and said to me, 'I am sorry, Mr. Robinson, but that stamp is counterfeit. It's a very well-executed one, but I have nothing better to do in my leisure time than to look through such things.' As Jimmy handed me the stamp, and I looked at it, and then at the others, and, sure enough, they were all counterfeit. I quietly stepped outside the Astor House and looked for No. 37 amongst the cars. I found that the conductors ran eight hours off and on, and that my man would not come on till noon next morning. There I found, at the appointed time, my conductor, and stepped up to him and said in a low tone, 'Young man, you changed a bill for me yesterday, and gave me a quantity of counterfeit money. Now I want you to take it back without any noise.' He affected to grow indignant, but I said, 'Stop! stop! Do you see that policeman?' If you don't return me a good deal of money the amount which you changed for me, I will have you under arrest in two minutes! Well, it was interesting to see the promptness with which that 'shover of the queer' gave me all of my money, and forgot to ask for his own.

"Mr. Gath, you newspaper men know nothing whatever about the

DUPLICATION OF UNITED STATES BONDS,

and about the quantity of counterfeit scrip afloat. If you, as a newspaper-man, were to go to Gen. Spinner and to the heads of the Treasury, and ask how much counterfeit currency was in circulation they would probably tell you 10 per cent; but I tell you every man to whom they have admitted to me that there is 25 per cent, or one quarter of the whole amount of the stamps current in this country, which are fraudulent. Do you know, sir, that the postal currency is

RENEWED SIX TIMES EVERY YEAR?

That is the case, and see the possibilities for its increased facilities for counterfeiting. We cannot better afford to pay 50 per cent premium, and use gold, than have to deal as we do with a lot of paper which is beyond the control, to a great extent, of the Government officials. The extravagantly high prices, and the corruption in our politics and life, hinge upon the currency. The duplication of the United States bonds will be done in favor of some foreign power, if it is not so onerous as that taken by the railways, if not more so. A tax of $25 for steel rails and $40 for chairs, and $50 for spikes per ton, is a heavy tax, but that is what railways have to pay under the present tariff. Of course we have to pay it all back again to them in their charges. Every man who has ever had to pay for the steel used in all agricultural implements from 30 to 45 per cent of a tax, and the iron used on same from $20 to $30 per ton. And then again he is compelled to pay a tax of 20 per cent on all descriptions of lumber used for building and fencing, and so on. The tax on these articles might be excused upon principles of patriotism, if it brought any revenue into the Treasury. But it does nothing of the kind. It goes directly into the pockets of the iron and lumber manufacturers. Both the iron and lumber manufacturers have for years been successfully competing with similar manufacturers of other nations, in the markets of the world. In 1871 we carried iron, and the manufactures of iron, to Canada, West Indies, France, Mexico, Sandwich Islands, Hayti, San Domingo, and the Central American States; wood, and the manufactures of wood, to nearly every country on the globe. And yet the great producing classes of the West, the hard-working class, the bone and sinew of the country, must be taxed to support the rich manufacturers of the East, the aristocracy of the country.

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We have had this year, for the first time, a

SWELL PARTY

given at a public hall, instead of a private house, because it was to be such a stunning affair that no house could hold the guests, and the same edifice was leased which the British Minister used to give a banquet to the Prince of Wales. Probably 500 persons went to this public hall, and the dressing was the most gorgeous and extravagant ever seen in this city, and probably New York, at the Purim or the Charity ball, never developed finer silks, laces, and jewels. A magnificent supper was spread; the music was the best that could be afforded; so much nakedness was probably never revealed in Washington; and all this was to introduce a fair young girl into society. The party in question was given on the proceeds of the sale of a celebrated silver mine to certain Englishmen,—the sale encouraged by the American Minister to England. No comment is needed upon this matter; but simple-minded and thoughtful people must see a certain connection between extravagance like this and the corruption which is seriously threatening the stability of our institutions.

The corrector of our society should be

THE RELIGION OF OUR WOMEN;

but it appears that there is no longer that sensitiveness to dishonor, and quick sense of repulsion for the public plunderers, which our mothers had. One of the most popular men in Washington society this winter has been a young politician enriched by shame and dishonesty; a man born a scoundrel. When you encounter conversation with our political society, you will find, with all its charmingness and brightness, that there are no convictions beneath it. The fine women will forget what you are saying when you suggest the character of this or that person, if, indeed, she be not allured by his unscrupulousness and success. This politician, you will find, shares his wife's regret that his fairest daughter did not marry an enriched political villain, instead of the simple, modest

THE LAW COURTS.

The Motion to Quash the Indictments Against Liquor Sellers for Vending Liquor to Inebriates Overruled.

Petitions in Bankruptcy—Digging Sand from Mortgaged Land—United States Court Items.

Notes From All the Courts—Suits Instituted Yesterday.

Judge Williams yesterday delivered the opinion of the Judges of the Circuit Court (Judge Booth dissenting) on the sufficiency of the indictments before the Criminal Court of liquor sellers, for vending liquor to inebriates. His Honor referred to the cases as coming under the several sections of the liquor law passed by the last Legislature. The motion to quash had been made because the defendants held that the prosecution had not adduced proof to show that the parties accused knew the persons to whom the liquor was sold as habitual drunkards. In that court two Judges had ruled differently on that very question, which was one of exceeding interest. He (Judge Williams) thought that for the benefit of the public and for the guidance of the lawyers, the rulings of the Court should be, if possible, uniform. The Prosecuting Attorney should have a defined rule to go by, and, for these reasons, he (the Court) had thought best to consult with his brethren of the Circuit Court, so that a good understanding might be arrived at. He had, accordingly, presented the question to the five Judges of the Circuit Court. On one point all five were unanimous; that was that the indictment in each case was sufficient and good in law, if it covered the meaning of the statute, and fully interpreted its language. The Supreme Court of this State had over and over again decided that if the indictment clearly presented the statutory meaning, then it was sufficient. Perhaps he might stop at that point and say nothing further on the subject, but, doubtless, the parties concerned, and the public would wish to have some definite ruling of the Court upon the question at issue. Well, in the consultation, four Judges of the Circuit Court (Brother Booth dissenting) had concluded that it was necessary for some good proof to be shown that the parties selling the liquor were aware of the characters of the persons to whom it was sold. It should be proven that the saloonkeeper knew that the party to whom he was selling was a minor, was intoxicated, or was an habitual drunkard. It might, on the other hand, be objected that it was sufficient for the prosecution to prove the sale, and that, as a result of the sale, persons became intoxicated. The crime consisted in the intent to do wrong, and there must be proof of malignant intent, or criminal recklessness, in the sale of liquor. That was necessary to be proven. The mere selling of liquor, whatever might be the abstract morality of the matter, was, after all, lawful, made so by the law of Illinois. It was made legal by statute; license to sell liquor was issued under that statute, and, if the act was lawful, to make it otherwise, it was necessary that the liquor must be sold to parties specifically mentioned in the statute as excepted from those to whom such sale could legally be made. The Court could see no reason why intent to do harm should not be proven by the people against a party engaged in doing a lawful business. The people, in justice, should be required to prove that the saloon-keeper knew he was doing an unlawful act. The liquor law of Illinois was, in reality, but the embodiment of a similar law passed in the State of Ohio, during the year 1854. The decisions of the Supreme Court of that State had ruled that knowledge of the condition or character of customers should be proven against the accused. Those decisions had been in existence some 18 years. It was evident that said decisions were known to our Legislature, and, therefore, that rule of law should be taken into consideration. At the same time it was not absolutely necessary that knowledge should be fully proven. As in other criminal cases, circumstances should be taken into consideration by the jury. It had been argued in the Judges' conference that their decision would nullify the Temperance law. The Court could not so understand it. For instance, where the seller of liquor is notified by friends of minors or inebriates not to sell to such, and, in defiance of such warning, the saloon-keeper did persist in selling, then that would be proof sufficient to hold the offender for trial. There was hardly any difficulty in showing that a man was an habitual drunkard. If he lay around the saloon, or in the neighborhood thereof, for several days or weeks, in an inebriated or semi-inebriated condition, that would constitute habitual drunkenness. He would repeat that he could not see how the opinions of the majority of the Circuit Court Judges could nullify the operation of the Temperance law. The Court could not override well-established precedents. Four Judges, as already stated, had agreed in the view expressed by him (Judge Williams), that proof of knowledge on the part of the defendants should be shown. Judge Farwell would succeed on that criminal bench, and Judge Tree would succeed him. Both these Judges had concurred in the opinion now expressed. Judge Booth would hold an opinion entirely contrary, but that was a question for himself and the Supreme Court. The majority of the bench had thus expressed their opinion, and it only remained for him to overrule the motion to quash the indictments.

THE BRANDT CASE UP AGAIN.

A new movement was made in this case, yesterday, in the United States Circuit Court. Several new and important questions have been raised in the case, and the proceedings have pretty fully appeared in THE TRIBUNE. It will be remembered that a petition in bankruptcy was filed against Brandt by his creditors. His wife was made a party to the petition, and an injunction obtained against her restraining her from collecting the rents of the real estate, which real estate, it was claimed, was a gift from the husband to the wife,—being conveyed by the husband to a third party who conveyed to the wife. It was claimed by the petitioners that, as the wife acquired the property from the husband, it was not covered by the statute of 1861, and his creditors were entitled to the income. A motion to dissolve this injunction was overruled by Judge Blodgett in the United States District Court. The counsel for Mrs. Brandt then took the question up before Judge Drummond, of the United States Circuit Court, by petition, for review. Upon the hearing, after full argument, Judge Drummond refused to entirely dissolve the injunction; but upon the point being made by Mr. Ela, that if the creditors were entitled to the income under the common law, the wife, under the common law, was first entitled to her support out of it,—being the wife of a capitalist "—the Court decided that she was so entitled, and that the injunction should be modified, and allowed her petition to stand, so that after the adjudication of bankruptcy, a reference might be had to ascertain how much of the income was necessary for her support.

On yesterday, Mrs. Brandt's counsel, Mr. John W. Ela and Mr. J. M. Burrows, having amended their petition for review by alleging that there had been an adjudication, and that the Assignee had commenced proceedings to recover rent, &c., moved the Court for a reference to ascertain what would be a proper provision for the support of the family.

Mr. Homer Cook, who appeared in opposition to the application, claimed that the Assignee was not properly before the Court; that he (Cook) was not his attorney, and that the matter could not come before the Court under this petition. Mr. Cook also said he had authorities showing that the wife's equity of a settlement could not be applied in a case of this kind, and that no allowance could be made for her.

Mr. Ela replied that notice was served upon Mr. Cook as the attorney of the Assignee, and that he was actually the attorney of the Assignee; as would appear from the records of the District Court, in the suits which had been brought by the Assignee for these rents. That this question could be disposed of by this Court, under this review, as it would be involved in a modification of the injunction—which was exactly the point raised by the review. The proceeding was summary in its nature, and the Court could not compel counsel to go through the routine of bringing this question again through the District Court up to this Court, which would be the most probable result of a new application.

Mr. Ela said that he considered the question as settled by this Court, the other day, but if counsel had further authorities, and wanted to go into an argument, he was ready to go into it at once.

Mr. Cook said he wanted ten days time to answer the amended petition, and that he was drawing a bill and would file it within that time, claiming the whole title to the real estate for the creditors, and showing that it was conveyed to the wife in fraud of creditors.

Mr. Ela said it would be time enough to attend to that bill when it was filed. And even if such a bill was filed, it would not affect the wife's right to the relief she was now applying for.

As to time for answering the amendments, he had no objection to that, but, in that case, should ask the Court to make an immediate allowance out of these rents for the wife, pending the litigation.

Mr. Cook objected to this. After some discussion, the Court allowed until Thursday morning to answer the amendments, when the matter could come up for further hearing.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

McAuley, Yee & Co. yesterday petitioned for the adjudication of W. A. Davis, claiming as creditors for $226.50, and alleging as acts of bankruptcy the entry of judgments against him. Debtor is a boot and shoe dealer at Waukegan. The usual rule to show cause and warrant of seizure were issued.

John Jacobs yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. His debts amount to about $4,000, and assets to $2,500. A reference was made to Register Hibbard.

John V. Farwell & Co. yesterday filed a petition for the adjudication of Dunn & Gould, claiming as creditors for $2,950.90, and alleging that the debtors have made transfers of part of their property to Day Brothers, L. B. Gibson, and Sol Bennett, Bros. & Co., of Peoria, with intent, etc. The debtors state that their liabilities amount to $18,799.65, and assets to $13,100.

John V. Farwell & Co. on Monday petitioned for the adjudication of G. P. Baldwin, of Marseilles, LaSalle County, claiming as creditors for the balance of an open book account amounting to $363.77. They allege as acts of bankruptcy that the debtor is attempting to compromise with his creditors; that he has made a number of preferential payments; that his assets amount to $5,500, and liabilities to $3,200; that he is negotiating the sale of his stock in bulk to one William Blackman on long time, and that he is unable to meet his liabilities as they mature. A rule to show cause, and warrant of seizure were issued.

BANKRUPTCY NOTES.

On the petition of Hamlin, Hale & Co., in the matter of Frank H. Robinson, Alexander L. Bradley was appointed Provisional Assignee, with authority to take possession of goods.

Denial of bankruptcy was yesterday entered in the matter of Jones and George Mitchell.

Amendments were yesterday made in the matter of Higgins & Brand by the allegation of further acts of bankruptcy.

A sale of land belonging to the estate of John J. Lake, in Dwight, Livingstone County, for the sum of $2,115.75, was yesterday approved, the terms to be cash.

The Assignee's report of sale in the estate of Michael Bumsel was yesterday approved. The entire sales did not aggregate $600.

The Assignee of Root & Cady was, yesterday, authorized to make repayment of balances due for subscriptions paid in advance for the *Song Messenger*, and to withdraw the sum necessary for the purpose from the funds of the estate.

In Turner & Gaffield, on affidavit of Norman C. Perkins, yesterday filed, Henry H. Kendrick, Assignee, was removed, and Robert E. Jenkins appointed in his place.

In the matter of John T. Foskett, the Court, yesterday, ordered the sum of $900, paid into Court by the Marshal, to be handed over to the Assignee.

A motion to modify the injunction was argued, yesterday, before Judges Drummond and Blodgett in Brown, Assignee of Hoyt, etc., v. The French Vault Light Company, but no order was made.

DIGGING SAND FROM MORTGAGED LANDS.

The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Maine, having advanced $60,000 on Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, in Block 4 of Knoke and Gardner's subdivision of the 20 acres north and adjoining the south 80 acres of the of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 28, 40, 14, belonging to Julius Kirchhof, and the latter having set men at work to dig sand thereon, thereby depreciating the security, the Company yesterday procured an injunction restraining such operations until a hearing in court, on the representation that, if sold in the market, the property, without such depreciation, would not sell for the principal and interest. The Company also prays the Court to direct Kirchhof to pay them whatever he has realized by the sale of such sand up to the date of the injunction.

A PARTY-WALL INJUNCTION.

Eugene S. Pike yesterday obtained an injunction against Ezra B. Lincoln, restraining him, his agents, and others from cutting into, injuring, demolishing, or otherwise using the party-wall in a building on the northeast corner of State and Monroe streets, or committing waste upon said wall, or any trespass on the property of said Pike, or in any way interfering with complainant's rights.

CAPIAS FOR WRONGFUL ARREST.

Charles Brown had James Jones arrested, yesterday, under a capias issued by the Circuit Court, for having had him arrested wrongfully, as he alleges, in February last, on the charge of larceny, and locked up in the Union Street Police Station, until, the case coming on for trial, he was discharged, there being no witnesses against him. He affirms that the only cause for said arrest was a difficulty the parties had together in the preceding January, and he asks $500 damages.

UNITED STATES COURT ITEMS.

A petition for review in the matter of the claim of William O. Swett v. the State Insurance Company was yesterday filed in the United States Circuit Court.

Frederick S. Hall and Myron V. Messer yesterday commenced suit in the United States Circuit Court against Daniel A. Loring and E. Tilton, assumpsit, $5,000; and Frank W. Whitman and Edwin B. Whitcomb v. the same, in assumpsit, $6,000.

Clark W. Upton, Assignee of the Great Western Insurance Company, yesterday commenced suit in the District Court against William Hansbrough, in assumpsit, $55,000.

The Assignee of the Republic Insurance Company, in bankruptcy, continues to pour in his suits for the recovery of notes held by him. Quite a number were filed again yesterday.

CRIMINAL COURT NOTES.

The Grand Jury, yesterday, returned ninety-six true bills.

Patrick Murray; jury waived, and case submitted to Court. Finding guilty, and sentenced to twenty days' fine in county jail.

William Torpey, Thomas Crotty, and Barney Rafferty, charged with riot, were found guilty, and sent to the County Jail for ten days each.

Peter Guirinbach, of No. 180 West Twelfth street, was charged with keeping a saloon so to be a nuisance to the neighborhood, and was found guilty. A motion for a new trial was entered.

GENERAL NOTES.

In King v. Eager, before Judge Porter, yesterday—the celebrated "Ring" suit—the jury returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty, and assessing the damages at $400.

Jetta and Bertha Robinson yesterday commenced a replevin suit in the Superior Court, against H. F. Galpin, Carsten Brems, and Tadeke Brems, for the possession of the contents of a liquor and cigar saloon; address not stated. The Brems, later in the day, filed affidavit in distraint against the same complainants, for $475, rent of No. 185 West Randolph street.

William K. Swallow yesterday entered a confession of judgment for $2,382, in the Superior Court, against Henry H. Hamlin.

Magdelena Hauber, by her husband, yesterday replevined the contents of the barber-shop in the basement of the Barnes House.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—Frederick S. Hall and Myron W. Messer v. Daniel A. Loring and E. Tilton; assumpsit, $8,000. Frank H. Whitman and Edwin B. Whitcomb v. Same; assumpsit, $6,000.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Clark W. Upton, Assignee of the Great Western Insurance Company, v. William Hansbrough; assumpsit, $55,000. Sidney A. Kent, Assignee of Feyton R. Chandler, v. Samuel L. Keith; assumpsit, $1,000. Same v. Samuel L. Keith and Thomas Snell; assumpsit, $1,000.

THE CIRCUIT COURT—6,131—Appeal. 6,132—E. B. Pike v. E. B. Lincoln; bill. 6,133—Appeal. 6,134—Susan J. and James Patterson; debt, $800. 6,135—Appeal. 6,136—Charles Brown v. James Jones; ca. ad. davit for capias. 6,137—Appeal. 6,138—Doyle & Co. v. James Slack; attachment for $65 on the ground of an intended fraudulent assignment. 6,139—Carsten Brems and Tadeke Brems v. H. F. Galpin & Co. distraint for store and basement of No. 185 West Randolph street for $475. 6,140—Appeal.

THE SUPERIOR COURT—42,599—William K. Swallow v. Henry H. Hamlin; confession, $2,382. 42,600—Cornelius F. Backus; appeal from the County Court. 42,601—Magdalena Hauber v. ——Swallow; replevin of fixtures and fittings of barber's shop in the basement of the Barnes House. 42,602—Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine v. Julius Kirchoff; bill. 42,603—William Hiller v. Charles S. Wilt; assumpsit, $500. 42,604—Lyman Siegel v. Benning E. Munn, William D. Curtis, and George P. Shears; assumpsit, $1,500. 42,605—Morris C. Town v. George W. Ewing and all whom it may concern; petition to establish and confirm title. 42,606—Appeal. 42,607—Appeal. 42,608—Bertha Robinson et al. v. H. F. Galpin et al.; replevin of whisky and cigars. 42,609—O. H. Horton, Assignee Chicago Fire Insurance Company, v. Arthur C. Ducat. 42,610—A. L. Hale & Bro. v. J. B. Slichter et. al.; assumpsit, $500. 42,611—Capias; suppressed until to-day. 42,612—Appeal.

THE NEW CITY HALL.

Meeting of Officials to Decide Upon a Place for the Exhibition of the Plans—Sixty Plans Expected—The Upper Floor of Bryan Block Selected—The Exhibition to Be of a Very Secret and Confidential Character.

A meeting of the Joint Committees on Public Buildings of the Common Council and County Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the City Clerk's office. Commissioner Bogue presided. There were present Aldermen Ogden, Bailey, Heath, and Schmitz, and Commissioners Lonergan, Bogue, and Herting, and Mr. Prindiville. The object of the meeting was to settle upon some place for the exhibition of the plans for the new Court-House. It was explained by the Chair that there were some sixty plans, and that each of these would occupy 25 feet. (No plan of eight drawings, five feet in length and nearly the same in width, but will occupy nearly double this amount.) The Chair added that there was no space in the old Court-House or the new City Hall in which to exhibit them. A spacious room must, therefore, be procured, where the plans can be spread upon the walls and allow an easy and perfect examination of the various diagrams.

Ald. Ogden stated that a number of architects had requested an extension of time for the final presentation of plans. They had had but a brief time to prepare their drawings, and desired an extension until May 1, when they could elaborate certain details of importance.

Ald. Bailey contended that this was unfair to those architects who had already sent in their plans.

Commissioner Prindiville, of the Board of Public Works, supported Ald. Bailey in the view he took of the case. He was opposed to any extension of time. The architects themselves wished that the date fixed should be preserved.

Ald. Ogden insisted that the welfare of the city was the prime consideration, and not the wishes of the architects.

The Mayor here came in and took a seat.

Ald. Bailey inquired what place had been secured.

Mr. Prindiville replied that the upper story of Bryan Block was without a single partition, and well lighted. This locality was central, easily reached, and could, without doubt, be obtained either gratuitously or for a nominal price.

Ald. Ogden said he understood that the sentiment was against extending the time.

Ald. Bailey moved that no extension be granted, and it was agreed to.

Commissioner Bogue said that there was another point which seemed to be of importance to settle. The specifications provided that the city and county authorities reserved the right to exhibit the plans for one month before or after the award.

Ald. Ogden thought this was an injustice to the architects.

Ald. Bailey thought the public would be better pleased if they could look over the plans.

Commissioner Galloway supposed that they relinquished all claims to their plans when they accepted the conditions.

Ald. Heath said that there would be a perpetual dissatisfaction if the public chose one plan and the Committees the other.

Mr. Prindiville added that it might be impossible for the authorship of the plans to be kept secret if the designs were exhibited.

Ald. Heath said he had been invited to see several plans, but had declined. Now Ald. Bailey had seen a dozen or more.

Ald. Ogden thought that secrecy as to the name of the author would insure an impartiality which could in no other way be secured.

Mr. Prindiville said that there had been a good deal said about having a committee of experts to decide on the plans. He read a letter from a competing architect protesting against having any such an arrangement, for the reason that there was not an architect in town whose opinion was worth anything but was interested, openly or clandestinely, in the designs.

The Mayor said if the author of the design was called in to explain his design, as suggested in the letter, he could not understand how it could be done without the Committee knowing who was the author.

The Mayor and the Committee derisively criticised the unfortunate plan for the Government building by the Government architect Mr. Mullett. The Mayor thought it would do for an hotel or a Government hospital. Ald. Ogden said that if the City Hall was not better than that, they need have none at all. Other members were equally severe with the tawdry-looking picture on the wall in the Committee-room.

Ald. Ogden moved that the public be excluded from viewing the plans until after the selection had been made by the Committee. It was so decided.

Ald. Bailey moved that the Board of Public Works be instructed to procure a hall to examine and exhibit the plans, which was also agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned.

WABASH AVENUE.

Another Meeting of Property-Owners Who Believe in Improvements—A Movement in Favor of Small Stores and Reasonable Rents.

Another meeting of persons who own property on Wabash avenue was held at the Matteson House yesterday afternoon, the object being the same as the former one—to agitate the cleaning of the street and the construction of uniform sidewalks, so that it may become a promenade and business thoroughfare. The attendance was large. Dr. Rea presided.

The Committee appointed at the previous meeting submitted a report. They had called upon nearly all the property-owners who could be found, and requested them to sign a paper pledging themselves to cut down the dead and live trees and build sidewalks in front of their lots, and all had agreed but one. A few had already constructed sidewalks since the last meeting, and the Committee learned that there was a general disposition on the part of those interested to act promptly.

The report was accepted.

Capt. Averell, from the Committee of Five to look after the interests of the avenue, reported that many merchants desired to come on the street, but would not do so on account of its condition. He thought, when the avenue was made passable, there would be no difficulty in renting the stores. Several of the vacant lots will be built upon this season; he himself had heard of over half a dozen persons who intend to erect buildings.

Mr. Giles had conversed with several West Side merchants, and they would take stores on the avenue if they could obtain them at reasonable rents. Nearly all the heavy firms had secured permanent locations. He did not apprehend any difficulty in renting all the buildings at reasonable rents.

Capt. Averell moved that Mr. Dwen be authorized to make contracts for sidewalks for persons who are unable to attend personally to the matter. Agreed to.

Mr. Mathews suggested that small stores be erected on the avenue, in order that retail dealers may be accommodated. There were too many warehouses in the city now. The men who did a business of $25,000, $50,000, and $75,000 could not get stores in good localities. Whenever any were offered they were taken immediately. If it was proposed to make Wabash avenue the Broadway of Chicago, some provision must be made for small stores.

L. B. Jenny, the architect, explained how a sufficient number of small shops were secured for the retail dealers in Paris. An arcade was constructed in the centre of the lots, the rear part of the long lots being built upon and utilized, affording three small shops—one facing the street and two the arcade. The upper stories were divided into tenements.

Mr. Prussing did not think arcades would do in Chicago; the people here had exalted ideas, and did not deal exclusively in one article, as the small merchants of Paris do. The plan was tried in Hamburg and proved a failure, and was, in his opinion, impracticable in this country.

After some further discussion, it was announced that the Committee of Five would consider the subject of small stores.

The meeting then adjourned.

SANITARY MATTERS.

At the meeting of the Board of Health, yesterday afternoon, the report of the Sanitary Superintendent was submitted, showing 140 deaths to have occurred during the week ending March 8. Good progress in the removal of the winter accumulations of garbage was reported. There was a decided increase in the number of houses infected by small-pox,—attributable to the lowered range of temperature,—and also a slight increase in the number of deaths by this disease. Generally speaking, the city's health is better than it was last year at this time. The mortality report for the month of February was also submitted, showing a total of 584 deaths, a decrease of 125 from the preceding month, and of 46 compared with February, 1872. The Superintendent notes a decided decrease of small-pox cases as compared with January of this year, and also of last year, and is of the opinion that the prospects are excellent for maintaining a check upon the dread disease.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education—A Variety of Business Transacted.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday evening, Mr. King in the Chair. Present: Commissioners Bunyan, Wilce, Hesing, Gorgin, Prussing, Bichberg, Sheldon, Hambleton, Calkins, Stone.

It was ordered that all agents caught in schoolhouses trying to solicit subscriptions, etc., be ejected from the premises.

Inspector Wilce offered a resolution directing the Committee on School Fund property to make report in regard to the advisability of selling the 191 acres of school land near the Sharpeshooters' Park.

At the request of the Committee on Apparatus and Furniture, it was authorized to buy furniture for four rooms in the Franklin School.

The Committee on Janitors and Supplies to whom was referred the petition of the engineers for increased pay next year, recommended it be sent to the Committee on Salaries and Janitors jointly, and it was so disposed of.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had audited bills to the amount of $2,703.15, and they were ordered paid.

The Board of Public Works sent in numerous bills for water at the various schools. The whole matter was laid upon the table, the Board not intending to pay any such bills.

The Finance Committee submitted an estimate for certain expenditures for the ensuing year, not included in the recommendations of other committees, amounting to $24,192.27.

Mr. Wilce reported that the rebate on rents for school lands amounted for the three years to $123,803.68, and asked that provision be made for the deficiency in the annual estimates.

The Judiciary Committee submitted a report on the Peck estate, insisting that the Mechanics' Institute was dead, and that one-half of the property should go to the school fund. Prompt action should be taken at once, so as to prevent the reorganization of the Institute. It was recommended that the Corporation Counsel be requested to take proper action.

The Judiciary Committee was instructed to submit the case to the Corporation Counsel for his action.

On the recommendation of the Committee on German a partial certificate was given Miss Louisa A. Lank.

Mr. Sheldon moved that when they adjourn, it be till Friday, to then take up the considerationate of the estimates.

It was agreed to.

The Superintendent reported that the whole number enrolled last month in the schools was 31,820; the average number belonging was 29,683; the average daily attendance was 27,975. He also reported a great improvement in the teaching of German.

A remonstrance against building a schoolhouse at the corner of Elm and State streets was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds submitted plans and specifications for all twelve-room buildings. They were approved.

The same Committee was authorized to advertise for proposals for putting up twelve-room school buildings, costing $80,000 each, at the corner of Harrison street and Western avenue, and on the Rolling-Mill lot.

The same Committee was authorized to advertise for a school lot on the corner of Twenty-sixth street and Wentworth avenue, when the concurrent action of the Council had been had.

The Board adjourned.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

P. J. Feeney was yesterday morning held by Justice Banyon, in $500, for stealing a lot of clothing from No. 704 State street.

Justice Banyon yesterday morning fined Peter Smith $15 for beating his wife, and held him in $300 bail to keep the peace toward her.

The Town Collector of West Chicago, A. L. Morrison, on Monday levied on all the office-fixtures and personal property of the Protection Life Insurance Company, to satisfy an unpaid tax of $900.

The paragraph in THE TRIBUNE of last Thursday, stating that the room of Charles Downing, at No. 111 South Halsted street, was broken open and $51 stolen, was a mistake. The $51 was stolen, but the room was not broken open, the door being unlocked by some one, as it is supposed, familiar with the house.

At a late hour Monday night, the store of E. C. Schaedel, No. 808 West Lake street, was robbed of $48 worth of revolvers. An entrance to the store was effected through a back window.

A colored gambling-house, in the rear of the drug store at the corner of State and Taylor streets, was raided by the police yesterday afternoon. Seven inmates were taken in. Upon their persons were found a large number of blanks for the Kentucky State lottery.

The Humane Society arrested two of Flagg's men yesterday for driving horses with sore shoulders. Justice Scully fined one $10 and the other $15. Two arrests were also made on the Lumberman's Line for the same offense. Trial set before Scully for Saturday next. Ira H. Pease is also under arrest for the same offense. Trial set for the 18th inst.

The fourth annual banquet and ball of the Irish Literary Association—the leading social event of St. Patrick's anniversary—will be held in the hall of Central Hotel, on Market, between Washington and Madison streets, on Monday evening, March 17. All the preparations have been completed.

The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, President Mason in the chair. Commissioners Sheridan and Wright were also present. The following applicants for police duty were put on sixty-day service: M. McQuirck, Edward J. Steele, M. J. Castello, John Cass, James S. Libby, Leander Bander, and William Cross.

Arthur J. Calder, foreman of engine No. 11, was arrested by Sergeant Garrity, last Sunday evening, and locked up in the Madison Street Station, for protecting his wife and sister from being insulted by a crowd of loafers in front of the Globe Theatre. He proposes to proceed against the Sergeant before the Police Commissioners, and prosecute him in the courts for false imprisonment.

An 'advertisement appeared a short time ago in a Chicago daily, stating that "My wife having left my bed and board, etc.," signed by one J. Frank, of Evanston. The poor wife returned soon after to her husband, either driven back by want, or in hopes that he might be disposed to treat her kindly. Night before last the aforesaid Frank, no doubt feeling it incumbent upon him as the head of the family to castigate Mrs. Frank, did so with such efficacy as to attract the attention of the police to his inhumanity, who immediately arrested him. He was brought to the city yesterday by Deputy Sheriff William Carney, and placed in durance vile. It is to be hoped that bread and water, and the society of Jailer Foltz, will mollify his heart towards his wife before his release.

IN MEMORIAM.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lumberman's Exchange, held on Monday, the following resolutions were unanimously passed and directed to be placed on the records of the association:

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep regret of the recent death of Evert M. Doubleday, late a member of this association;

Resolved, That by his decease the Lumberman's Exchange of Chicago deplores the loss of an active, honorable, and useful member and associate, and one whose high qualities of business integrity and personal worth endeared him to all; and

Resolved, That the sincere sympathies of this association be tendered to the family of the deceased, in their affliction; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased, and published in the Chicago, Grand Haven, and Grand Rapids, Mich., papers.

Remarks eulogistic of the deceased were made by Mr. Blanchard, and others, when the meeting adjourned.

Jayne's Expectorant.

If you are troubled with a slight cough, hoarseness, or sore throat, you may save the expense of a doctor's bill by using at once Dr. Jayne's Expectorant. A neglected cold often terminates through much suffering, in consumption. A slight inflammation of the lining of the wind-tubes, the usual symptoms of which are a sore throat, or a pain in the breast, will, if not properly attended to, frequently lead to bronchitis. Even as a matter of economy, to say nothing of comfort, or the danger to pulmonary and bronchial organs, act promptly with your cold, and by resorting in time to a standard remedy—the Expectorant—save money, and escape more serious trouble. Sold everywhere.

Heat and Irritation of the Scalp,

Burnett's Cocoaine gives immediate relief,

EXPOSITION.

A Confidential Meeting of the Committee on Organization—Address to the People of Chicago—Committees Appointed to Solicit Subscriptions.

The Committee on Organization appointed at the Industrial Exposition mass meeting on Saturday evening, held a confidential meeting on Monday afternoon in the seventh story of a building on Washington street. The resolutions adopted at the mass meeting were again read, and, on motion of Major Whittle, the following were added:

Resolved, That subscriptions taken under the resolutions as read shall not be called for until the proper authority has been granted by the City Council for the free use of the grounds on the lake front on which to erect the Exposition buildings; and be it further

Resolved, That no one call shall exceed 25 per cent of the amount subscribed, and that not less than thirty days shall elapse between each call.

The following address to the citizens of Chicago was submitted:

We, the undersigned, were appointed by a public meeting, held in the Board of Trade rooms, on Saturday evening, March 8, to solicit subscriptions to the capital stock of the Inter-State Industrial Exposition of Chicago. The object of this enterprise is mainly to hold a grand exposition during next fall in celebration of the anniversary of the fire. It is expected that musical and other entertainments will be added. There is no question but that this enterprise, if properly conducted and thoroughly indorsed by the masses of our people, will prove a great success, especially so when we take into consideration the following facts:

First—The favorable location of Chicago for such an Exposition, and the location in the city—the lake front having been decided upon as the place to erect the building.

Second—The immense hotel accommodations Chicago affords.

Third—The great desire there is undoubtedly entertained by people throughout the entire country to see the New Chicago, which by fall will be in superb condition for inspection. From the experience of similar enterprises in other cities, we have no hesitation in saying that the stock will prove a profitable investment.

Fourth—This movement will prove of vast benefit to the whole people, as it will afford a cheap and profitable amusement that cannot fail to elevate the working classes. It is hoped that it will result in a permanent organization, which will give us an Exposition each year.

Fifth—We are gratified to represent a movement which shows upon its face that it is not gotten up in the interest of any real estate "ring," as all the people have the privilege of subscribing to the stock, which will secure to them all the benefits to be derived from the enterprise.

We will add that in our view, should the citizens fail to take advantage of this most auspicious time for a grand Exposition that cannot fail to prove of immense value to the city, they will certainly regret it, and it will be looked upon as an evidence that our people are not keeping up that spirit of enterprise for which they have become so noted.

A. C. HESING,
W. K. ROSCOE,
JOEL D. HARVEY,
N. S. BOUTON,
W. W. HARVEY,
JACOB ROSENBERG,
E. A. BISHOP,
D. W. WHITTLE,
PETER SCHUTTLER.

The following sub-committees were then appointed:

Banks—J. Irving Pearce, Third National; Ira Holmes, Manufacturers' National Bank.

Wholesale Dry Goods—L. Z. Leiter, of Field, Leiter & Co.; Shaw, of Shaw, Winslow & Co.

Boots and Shoes—C. M. Henderson, William R. Doggett.

Rolling Mills—O. W. Porter, A. B. Meeker.

Railroads and Express Companies—H. A. Sargent, Charles Fargo, United States Express Company.

Wholesale Clothing—H. W. King, Louis Wampold.

Hardware, Iron Merchants and Founders—W. G. Hibbard, William Blair.

Wholesale Druggists, Paints, and Oils—Frank Milligan, Horace A. Huribut.

Furniture—W. W. Strong, A. L. Hale.

Carpets and House-Furnishing—E. F. Hollister, John H. Allen.

Real Estate—H. H. Honore, Colonel Peirce.

Hides and Leather—L. B. Sidway, C. E. Page.

Groceries—H. B. Rand, Charles Coryell, of Day, Allen & Co.

Hotels—David Gage, F. B. Gardner.

Jewelry—B. S. Pike, W. B. Giles.

Crockery and Notions—Irving Brown, Adolph Ruhling.

Books, Stationery, and Paper—A. B. Cook, H. Z. Culver, of Culver, Page & Hoyne.

Places of Amusement—J. H. McVicker, R. M. Hooley.

Distillers and Wholesale Liquors—Henry H. Shufeldt, Edward McQuade.

Brewers—Alderman McAvoy, Alderman Schmidt.

Commission Merchants—Charles Randolph, W. F. Tompkins.

Manufacturers and Dealers in Lumber—T. W. Harvey, A. G. VanSchaack, for the lumber districts on South Side; R. C. Crane and Peter Schutter, for manufacturers and the lumber dealers on the North Side.

The meeting then adjourned.

CALM AND SENSIBLE.

Lecture Before Journeymen Plasterers by John Ennis, Secretary of the National Labor Union.

Last evening, John Ennis, Secretary of the National Labor Union, addressed the plasterers of Chicago, in Crispin's Hall, Rice's Block. There were about 300 of the craft present. Mr. Ennis was introduced by Mr. Rowe, who presided. He said he was a journeyman plasterer, and his object in coming to Chicago was not to foment revolution, but to bring tidings of harmony and good will. He said he had been traveling through the West, organizing the craft, that they might obtain justice. He started on its mission a union in St. Louis, the first which had existed there among plasterers. The relationship that existed between the employer and the employed was not as harmonious as it should be. In almost every city he visited, he learned of animosity. Consideration of it, led to the conclusion that both were wrong; the employer was not honorable when he reduced the wages of his men, and added to their hours of labor. This reduction and addition had engendered the prevailing bitter feeling. He did not desire to find fault with honorable employers—men who were willing to make just concessions to those in their employ; but he did not find fault with those workmen who had not the courage to go frankly to an employer and tell him what they wanted. His experience had shown where a man conducted his boss and respectfully asked for an increase of wages, he generally received it; the man who catered to the employer, cringed before him, and "kissed his feet," was despised by him. [Applause.] Many buildings had been erected in Chicago, and many more were to be constructed and hence he desired that a proper relation should exist between the plasterers and their employers. There were bosses here who had some consideration for their men; there were others—the "grab-alls," who would grind the men under foot if they could. All the plasterers, and all other journeymen desired, was fair wages for a fair day's work. After mildly censuring the members of the union who had proved recreant to their obligations, the speaker urged those present to stand staunch by the organization. There should be no difference of opinion among them; they should be a unit when their interests were involved; no power should be strong enough to disrupt them. He did not ask them to do anything injurious to the interests of their employers, but all should be within the Union. Were justice done to the workingmen there would be no strikes, which leave nothing but misery and desolation in their train. [Applause.] There should be a conference now between the bosses and the men, and rules agreeable to both established for their guidance during the coming busy season. Only eight hours' work was required in the winter; why should more be required in summer? It had been demonstrated in New York, where every plasterer was in the Union, and only eight hours of labor were required, that as much work was done as formerly, when ten hours constituted a day's work. He denied that a general strike was in contemplation among the laboring men of the East. The newspapers had exaggerated the rumors, and made a "raw head and bloody bones" of the matter. More prominence than was necessary was given to it. He was not a political demagogue, but was a working man demanding his rights, and would always stand up for them. [Applause.] He recognized the press as the agent which was to raise or crush the laborers; he wished the editors to comment but not to exaggerate. Unionism afforded the only salvation for the working man. They must unite at once to obtain justice. If fair terms were given all trouble would cease. If the employers were determined to keep them in a state of semi-slavery, rebellion would be the watchword, and it would be carried out. [Applause.] Their feet were bound now; with their hands free would they not do their utmost to free themselves from bondage, and struggle for the wages and hours which would enable them to live comfortably and happily with their families. [Cheers.]

Brief speeches were made by several gentlemen, after which the meeting adjourned.

A Flowing Cataract Frozen.

From the Frankford (Pa.) Herald.

On Friday of last week, after the heavy rain which continued during the greater part of that day, the dam breast of the stream which supplies the Frogmoor Mills, owned by Garsed Bros., showed on the breast a depth of 18 inches of water. Some idea of the velocity with which the torrent was passing over the falls may be conceived from the following statement, that, from an accurate calculation, there were 40,000 cubic feet of water passing over per minute. On Saturday morning this volume of water was frozen on the slope of the falls in fantastic shape as though transfixed and turned to stone while leaping in the air, and at the top or breast it formed a level parapet of solid ice over 12 inches high, and sloping inward very slightly, thus raising the water in the dam that much higher, and forming a barrier of ice which remained until 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, when it gradually began to give way. During the entire night (Friday) the wind was blowing from the northwest very steadily, though the thermometer did not show any sudden decrease of temperature; in fact, there have been many colder nights during the winter. The only scientific explanation is, that the wind must have blown the water back, or held it in check until it was frozen, and yet the wind was not blowing against the falls, as indicated by the points of the compass, and the direction of the dam breast in a straight line, which is almost due east and west.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, March 12, 1873.

Premier Gladstone has been defeated in the House of Commons, which has rejected his Irish Land bill by a majority of three.

President Grant's inaugural address is ridiculed by the newspapers of Germany, which question whether monarchical countries ought to maintain diplomatic relations with a country whose chief thus insults them.

Portuguese papers not long ago hastened with suspicious alacrity to aver that there was no Republican movement in their country. They now admit that attempts are being made to establish a Republican party in Portugal with a vigor unparalleled in its history.

Pinchback thinks he has not been treated fairly. He says that his election was as good as Spencer's, and would have been conceded, like his, if he had been a white man. Moreover, he was elected by the Kellogg Government, which has been recognized by General Grant as legitimate, and the action of which should not be rejected by Congress.

When the question of prohibiting sectarian appropriations came before the Constitutional Convention of New York, that body adopted a very sweeping clause which forbids the money or credit of the State to be given to any association or enterprise, private, religious, or secular. The Convention refused to interfere with licenses for the liquor trade.

No *supersedeas* has been granted Driver, the wife-murderer. The announcement that Judge McAllister had given a stay of proceedings in his case had its origin solely in a misapprehension of the prisoner's counsel, who mistook a packet containing the record of the proceedings and some other formal papers for the coveted writ. According to the present outlook, Driver will be hanged day after to-morrow.

No choice was reached yesterday in the election of a Senator from Massachusetts to succeed Vice-President Wilson. Dawes and Boutwell were the leading competitors. Dawes led Boutwell on each of the four ballots in the Senate; but in the House Boutwell showed such unexpected strength—receiving on the second and last ballot 124 to 92 for Dawes—that there is little doubt he will be elected on the first ballot in joint session to-day.

Porfirio Diaz, who was the most intractable of all the Mexican revolutionists, and laid down his arms and disbanded his troops but a few months ago, has now been elected to the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court. This sudden freak of popular favor, which would be startling in any but Mexican politics, gives Diaz the succession to the Presidency, should any vacancy occur, or be made to occur, as sometimes happens in Mexico.

Leading men in Senator Bogy's party come to the aid of the Republican minority who, in the Missouri Legislature lately, asked the United States to supplement the farcical proceedings at Jefferson City by an honest investigation. These Democrats are stated, on what appears good authority, to have addressed to the Senate Elections Committee a memorial containing new evidence of bribery on Bogy's part. Their statements are sworn to, and contain the names of the witnesses.

New Hampshire election returns up to midnight give Straw, Republican, a vote of 24,871; Weston, Democrat, 21,857; Blackman, Temperance, 826; Mason, Liberal Republican, 466. There is, in comparison with the votes of previous years, a Republican loss, so far, of 908. The closeness of the vote—which may be made still closer by returns not yet in from the northern part of the State—render it possible that there has been no election by the people. Should this be the case, the election goes to the Legislature.

Immediately after conceding the opposition one more representative on each of the important committees, the Republican majority in the Senate increase the Committees on Appropriations, Public Lands, Post-Office, and Elections—the last of which is the most important of all the committees—by two members each. They will now number nine each, instead of seven. The representation of the minority, instead of being raised to two out of seven, or nearly one-third, is reduced to less than one-fourth. On the Committee which is second in importance, that on Foreign Affairs, the minority have but one member. To balance these inequalities, they will be allowed three members on some of the minor committees.

It is stated that the last railroad victory secured in the New Jersey Legislature cost a quarter of a million of dollars, and that then it was won by a bare majority of the vote. If this is true, it affords an encouraging outlook for the failure of railroad power over the State Legislatures. The price has become too high. If it takes a quarter of a million to buy a bare majority of one, the investment will be too large and the results too uncertain to warrant frequent repetitions. It will be found cheaper to run railroads on their merits and without legislative aid.

An elaborate argument in defense of the railroads, in their relations to the public, was delivered before the Joint Railroad Committee of the Legislature yesterday, by Mr. Robert Harris, the General Superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He discussed the question from the standpoint of the railroads in all its aspects, and defends their charges and their discriminations as forced upon them by their outlay and the competition to which they are subjected. His views are expressed at length, and are worthy of consideration as the presentation of one side of this problem, which can be justly settled only after a full and fair hearing to all the interests involved.

Mr. Henry O. Kent, Chairman of the Liberal Committee of New Hampshire, has published a very logical and concise address reciting the reasons why the Liberals of that State have nominated a ticket of their own instead of coalescing with the Democrats in the present campaign. The position taken by the great majority of the New Hampshire Democracy last year, he says, was such as to challenge the respect of the Liberal Republicans. Nevertheless, there were 7,000 Democrats in the State who refused to follow the party standard, and this defection was sufficient to neutralize the Liberal Republican strength. It does not appear that any more hopeful results can be looked for in the future from a coalition. Therefore, an independent organization has been decided upon in New Hampshire as the initial step to the Presidential campaign of 1876.

The dispute between Omaha and Council Bluffs for the honor of being the terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad has received a judicial solution. That Company has sought to prevent Secretary Boutwell from withholding one-half of the tolls charged upon Government freight passing over the Omaha bridge by pleading that the road did not begin on the east side of the river, and that the receipts of the Bridge Company were, therefore, not the receipts of the Union Pacific, and not liable to Government dues. In answer to this, the Attorney-General rules that the road does begin on the east side. This decision, besides sustaining the right of the Government to one-half of the charges on its freight passing over the bridge, gives an incidental sanction to the claims of Council Bluffs over Omaha as a terminal point.

The Burgomaster of Strasburg recently addressed a petition to Bismarck requesting that the French tongue might be regularly taught in the elementary schools of the city in addition to the German, alleging its necessity on account of the intimate commercial relations of Strasburg with France. The crafty and versatile Chancellor sent back a very decided negative, stating that it was out of all experience that children could learn both tongues so that they would be of any advantage; that those people who thought the French tongue of any advantage had the opportunity to send their children to those places where French was taught; and closed with the neat bit of sarcasm that "so far as is known, on the farther side of the frontier, the German tongue is never taught in the French schools, from which it may be gathered that the supposed necessity of a mutual knowledge of the tongues of neighboring States has not yet been discovered in those schools."

The "man Jennings" is the subject of a good deal of mud-throwing in the New York press. The man Jennings is an employe of the proprietors of the New York *Times*. At this distance it looks as though the man Jennings, as the original instigator of the grand bout, was the most expert and liberal mud-thrower of the whole crowd. But why is the man Jennings brought before the public at all? The New York *Times* is the offender, if there be any rock of offense. If that paper hires the staff of the Estanswill *Gazette* to furnish its editorials, there is nobody to blame and nobody to suffer but itself. An old Greek philosopher once said: "If any man abuses me, it is not his abuse which hurts me, but my own opinion of it." My opinion of it is under my own control; therefore, if I am hurt by it, it is my own fault." If the *Evening Post* will lay this text to heart, it will no longer find it necessary to throw mud back at the man Jennings.

The Caldwell debate is still running. Yesterday the Senate listened to the remainder of Senator Calwell's defense, in which he says that not a dollar has been traced from him to any member of the Legislature which elected him, and solemnly declares that he never paid, directly or indirectly, anything for any man's vote. He refers to the charges against him as the fruits of "the Satanic malignity" of his enemies, whose case rests only upon "their own false swearing." They are "bold, bad men," who seek to make him "the victim of a wicked conspiracy." In short, Senator Caldwell makes it plain that he is persecuted by unrighteous men. Senator Carpenter made the only speech of the day. He expressed the grief with which he had heard Senator Morton, the day before, attack Caldwell as if he had been a political opponent, and pleaded with the Senate to examine the case in an unimpassioned and judicial spirit.

The successes of the Carlists, which are now reported almost daily, and the rapid manner in which they are overrunning northern and central Spain, give interest to the following statement of their strength, which is published in one of the Spanish papers: Saballs, Commandant-General of the Carlist forces in the Province of Gerona, has 1,200 men; Garcerau, in the Province of Barcelona, 1,000 men; Valles, in Tarragona, 1,500 men; Nadarre, in Lerida, 700 men; Cucula, in El Maestrazgo, 4,900 men; Olla, in Navarre, 2,500 men; Lizarraga, in Guipuzcoa, 1,500 men. In Biscay, there are also numerous small forces. The same paper says: "The uniform of the Carlist cavalry consists of blue trousers with red stripes, dark-colored jacket, Wellington boots, dark-blue cloak, and the red *bogna*. Their appointments are excellent; the horses small, but sure-footed and powerful; the men well-armed with long-sword, carbine, and pistols." The insurrection is doing immense injury to commerce in the north of Spain, particularly in the Basque Provinces, which are the busiest in the country, and most of the manufacturers are closing their factories from inability to obtain material or dispose of their goods.

There is a movement in England as well as in this country to correct the evils of the jury system. To this end, the Attorney-General has proposed, in Parliament, a very radical measure, which does not seem to command popular confidence and will not be likely to pass. The main features of the Attorney-General's proposition are a reduction of the number of the jury from twelve to seven, except in trials for treason and murder, and the principle that a majority shall be allowed to vote a verdict. The first change is recommended in order to decrease the number of persons withheld from their occupations to attend court where they await summons as jurors. The Attorney-General argues that there is no magic in the number twelve, and that the number might just as well be seven. In reply to this, it is answered that there is no more magic in the number seven; that the evil complained of can be remedied in some other manner, and that it would be dangerous to change the number constituting a jury when the people have learned to regard that number as necessary to their protection. The second change suggested by the Attorney-General is opposed still more vigorously. It is similar to a proposition that has been made in the Illinois Legislature, except that the latter requires that a two-thirds vote shall be required for the verdict. Both plans seem to be inconsiderate and dangerous. In the organization of juries, two-thirds of the members are as apt to be stupid blockheads as one-third, and the proposed change would give them the opportunity of determining a verdict whenever such a division should occur. It would simply be an application of the majority rule to jury verdicts, as it exists now in politics. The principle is carried far enough already, and it would be especially dangerous and objectionable to apply it to absolute judicial verdicts affecting life, liberty, and property. The principle of unanimity has the constant advantage of securing deliberation and consultation, more apt to result in a just verdict than a hasty, inconsiderate vote of the majority.

CONGRESSMEN'S SALARIES.

There comes from Washington what we suppose to be an authorized apology of certain members for voting for the increase of Congressional salaries, and it reads as follows:

> It is but justice to those men who, like Senators Trumbull, Bayard, and Representative Banks, voted for the increased salary bill, to state their side of the question. They say their support was given to this measure simply to equalize the compensation account. Thus, for instance, the members of both Houses from Oregon got $6,492 for the session on account of mileage. Those from Nevada got $3,500; from Texas, $3,000; from Louisiana, $2,980; from Arkansas, $2,400; from Kansas and Nebraska, $2,100, notwithstanding the notorious fact that either of the members had railroad passes all the way or else passed the entire session in Washington. The Increase-of-Salary bill abolishes mileage, and under this provision Senator Kelley will be required to pay $1,492 into the Treasury instead of receiving $6,492 therefrom.

This explanation furnishes no defense for the act. Because, under the law, Mr. Trumbull received more mileage than Mr. Banks, Mr. Banks more than Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Kelley, of Oregon, more than Mr. Trumbull, that furnished no reason for going back two years, and allowing Mr. Trumbull and Mr. Banks to take money from the Treasury in addition to their legal salary for previous services. If it had been proposed in this bill that each member should hand back to the disbursing officer all his pay and mileage, and then that the pile should be divided equally among all the members, there would have been no objection to that, if there had been any means of enforcing the law. But this bill proposed much more. It proposed to take more money out of the Treasury. If the Pacific members received more than those residing nearer the Capital, it was easy to compute how much was the actual cost of the travel from Oregon to Washington, and allow them that sum and no more. The inequality was not greater in proportion to distance in the Oregon case than in the case of Mr. Banks or Mr. Trumbull. Mr. Banks received as mileage from Waltham to Washington about $160, when the actual cost of travel is not over $12. Mr. Trumbull received for mileage from Chicago to Washington about $360, and the actual fare is not over $24. The Oregon member received a greater sum for mileage, but not perhaps in greater disproportions to his actual outlay. Had these gentlemen voted to allow each member the actual cost of his travel, then there would have been an equalization of compensation that would have saved to the Treasury many thousands of dollars each Congress. For instance, the Baltimore City members receive $16 for mileage to Washington, a distance of forty miles, when the actual cost is but $1.50. The action of Congress was not to equalize compensation by cutting off the enormous abuses of the mileage system; it was not to cut off the mileage bills of the California members, but it was to level up the mileage, and give each man an equal share. It is possible to understand how Mr. Kelley, of Philadelphia, should have voted to make Mr. Kelley, of Oregon, disgorge $1,500 and pay it back into the Treasury, but it is not so easily understood why the money thus refunded by Kelley, of Oregon, should be paid out again to Kelley, of Philadelphia, with considerable more in addition. Under the questionable policy of robbing Peter to pay Paul, the latter only receives what is taken from the former; but our Congressmen have not only taken away a few thousand dollars from a half-dozen members, but have taken from the Treasury over half a million of dollars in addition.

Mr. Banks and Mr. Trumbull have been in Congress for eighteen years. During all that time the California and Oregon members have been drawing this excessive mileage. Why limit the posthumous equalization to two years? Why not extend the $7,500 salary back to 1855? There can be no excuse, palliation, or justification of this vote for back pay for two years that will not apply with equal force to the whole eighteen years. The fact is, the passage of this act is unjustifiable. The arrangement that it should receive about an equal number of votes from each party, in order to "head off" any party advantage, was a weak invention. It does not relieve any member who voted for it from responsibility for an act that is wholly unjustifiable. It is immaterial what the politics of the man who voted for this bill may be; his act cannot reflect on his party, but must reflect on himself, and forever adhere to him as a plunder of the Treasury for his personal gain.

We doubt whether there is any power in Congress to make Mr. Kelley, of Oregon, refund any portion of his pay or mileage. These were fixed by law before he drew them. His services as a member of the Forty-second Congress had expired and his money was earned before the new act became a law. On the 4th of March, the Government owed him a certain amount under contract for services and mileage up to the preceding day, the money having been previously appropriated, and the amount fixed by statute. Congress could no more compel him to refund any portion of this than it could compel Mr. Banks to refund his pay received as Speaker sixteen years ago. We are especially pained that Mr. Trumbull should have voted for this bill, and we earnestly hope that he will refuse to avail himself of its provisions, or to take from the Treasury a larger sum than he had agreed to serve for.

SIMPLIFICATION OF TAX-COLLECTION.

There is a bill before the Legislature of the greatest importance to this city, and that is in the matter of providing for revenue. It provides for the assessment and collection of taxes, and removes many troublesome and vexatious proceedings by which taxation is now defeated by those who enjoy its benefits and can best afford to meet it. The bill ought not only to pass, but it is vital to the financial existence of the city. Without it, Chicago will be helpless,—deprived of the means of carrying on the Government.

There is one thing which this bill, however, does not contain, and the omission ought to be supplied. It will add nothing to the cost of collecting taxes, but will save an immense amount of trouble and of loss to the public. Under our present system of taxation the city has a general warrant for the collection of all taxes levied for ordinary municipal purposes. For each separate improvement it has a special warrant. These special warrants are levied for lamp-posts, water service-pipes, unpaid water rates, sewerage connections, new sidewalks, paving streets, macadamizing streets, graveling streets, repairing sidewalks, paving alleys, and perhaps other purposes. The cost of each of these improvements is charged to the property especially benefited by the work. The number of these special warrants ranges from 250 to as high as 600 each year. The city, therefore, goes into court every year with an average of 450 tax-warrants, asking judgments on them all. Some of these special warrants are for a total not exceeding $50, others for sums ranging up to $20,000, but all of them covering property worth from $200,000 to $1,000,000. The tax on each lot in many cases does not exceed seventy-five cents. Persons may in good faith go to the Collector's office and pay his taxes, and yet his property, without his knowledge, may have been taxed a dollar on one, or three dollars on another, of these special warrants. It often occurs that a lot is taxed on as many as four or five different special warrants, and, as a rule, the owner is not aware of it. It is said that four-fifths of the property sold for taxes is sold under these special warrants, and the first knowledge the owner has is the notice from the tax-purchaser, or, when he seeks an abstract of title, finds that there are three or four tax-deeds of his lot. All this is perfectly familiar to the city officers. They know the trouble and confusion resulting from this mode of doing business, and now, when the city is repairing its tax system, why not provide that the tax-officer shall extend on his books, opposite each lot, in addition to the general tax, the tax for each special object? By this means all the taxes will be in one warrant, and when a man applies to pay his taxes he will receive one bill for all he owes. It is no part of the business of the city to entrap people into the loss of their property, and when a man offers to pay his taxes the least the city can do is to inform him how much he owes, and of all its claims against him. It is no advantage to have five or six hundred special warrants hid in a corner, when the only motive the city can have is to get its revenue. Let the new, and in many respects greatly-improved, system of collecting the taxes be still further improved, so that the tax-book shall show in full all the taxes, general and special, charged against each piece of property. This will avoid five-sixths of the sales of lots which now take place, and if for no other reason should be incorporated in the bill.

HOW FARMERS ARE PLUNDERED BY THE TARIFF.

Mr. M. B. Lloyd, of Orion, Henry County, addresses his fellow-farmers in a very sensible way, not by any means defending or extenuating railroad injustice, but showing that these farmers are responsible for much of their own oppression. He thus closes a letter in the Cambridge *Chronicle*:

> Thus you pass a protective tariff law, pretending it is for the benefit of the producer, and to avoid the necessity of transportation. Then under it, and by effect, you make him pay a greater cost of transportation than he would without it, thus receiving his price for his products, and paying 50 per cent more for the manufactures which he must of necessity buy, bleeding him at both ends, and at the same time humbugging him so completely and entirely that he thinks it is all for his benefit, and he wants more protective tariff.
>
> Thus we see that, though manufacturing in the West is what we wish—what we desire—protective tariff is not the thing to bring it. And, in fact, it can only come by years of growth.
>
> The time will undoubtedly come when this vast Western country will consume its own agricultural products, but it may be a hundred or two hundred years hence.
>
> Withdraw, then, those so-called protective duties, and give Western producers (and others) a chance to live previous to the expiration of those years. Yours truly,
>
> M. B. LLOYD.

Mr. Lloyd is on the right track, and is in singular contrast with those demagogues who are urging farmers to acts of violence, while protesting in the Legislature and elsewhere against the repeal of exactions that are consuming far more of the substance of the people than the excess of freight charges over a just and reasonable rate. The complaint is, that corn is selling for only 20 cents a bushel, and that railroads demand 46 cents for carrying it to New York. Now let us see how the farmers are plundered at the other end:

On every overcoat costing	$ 25	he pays tax $ 9.00
On every suit of clothes	30	15.00
On six shirts costing	12	4.00
On socks and underwear	6	2.00
On two pairs blankets	10	5.00
On shawl for wife	10	5.00
On woman's shoes	4	1.50
Same articles for rest of family	100	50.00
	$197	$81.50

Out of every $197 he expends for the necessary clothing of his family $61.50 is for tax, not to the Government, but to the woolen and cotton monopolies, pensioned by law. This tax is equal to 307 bushels of corn, and is that much of the annual product of the farmer's labor taken from him and given over to certain monopolists, without consideration of any kind. If this tax were paid into the Treasury there might be some excuse for it, but it is taken in the form of cash, and paid to the monopolist that he may be "encouraged" to repeat the operation.

The same farmer pays an average tax of 50 per cent on every implement of iron that he uses; on his horseshoes, on his wagon-tires and his plows; on every screw, bolt, nail, or rod of iron; he pays the same tax on the tin and copper ware; on his cook-stove and pipe; on his glass and crockery ware; on his cutlery; on his carpet, and on his bedding. He pays tax on his salt, lumber, vinegar, and mustard; on nearly all that he eats, drinks, and wears, except what he raises himself; and about fifty cents out of every dollar he expends is paid over as a special bounty to monopolists who have obtained from Congress the special privilege of taking other people's property and earnings without consideration. Here is a practical grievance that can be remedied at the ballot-box by the farmers. And yet how many of the men who are traveling the State, urging farmers to violence against railroads, have a word to say against this form of legislative plunder? Some of them are getting their eyes open, but the great mass are still deaf and blind to the chief cause of their present sufferings.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Stock, Bond, Gold, and Produce Markets.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Money was close today, ranging from 7 to 1-16. Leading Government bond dealers quote the market at 7 currency and 7 gold. Prime mercantile paper is held at 9@12.

STOCKS.

The stock market was tame, except in a few specialties, such as Rock Island, Pacific Mail, Central, and Western Union. The reason assigned is, that leaders are awaiting news from Boston before they determine which way to move. About 2 o'clock a report was circulated that Boutwell would be defeated by Dawes, and the stock market fell off. Late in the day, however, there was a steadier feeling, and some recovery in prices on special telegrams from Washington, which stated that Secretary Boutwell was encroaching on the $44,000,000 legal tenders; and also that the bond purchases were to be discontinued, and gold sales continued as usual. Telegrams from Amsterdam and Frankfort report considerable depression in American railway bonds, with a decline of 5 to 10 per cent on the poorer class of the same within a fortnight.

GOLD.

Gold was quiet and steady at 115 to 115¼. The position of gold speculation is understood to be as follows: The clique held $15,000,000 to $20,000,000 on Friday last. On Saturday from $9,000,000 to $12,000,000 were marketed, partly on intimations from Washington of extra sales this week, and partly because at 115⅝@115¾ a good profit could be seen.

EXPORTS.

The exports for the week ending to-day were $5,396,514, exclusive of specie. This is about the same as last week.

BONDS.

Governments were steady.

PRODUCE.

Flour was quiet and steady, with some demand for low grades which are scarce. Medium grades are pleasantly quiet. Wheat is inactive and nominal, owing to the rain and scarcity of vessels. Holders are firm. Pork is firm and fairly active, with sales of 800 brls at $16.40 for mess, and $12.25 for extra prime. For future delivery, 1,000 brls at $15.95@16.00 for May. Cut meats show a moderate business. The sales reported include 50 brls dry salted shoulders at 6¼c for this week; 10,000 lbs pickled bellies, 9@9½ lbs, at 9@9½c; 1,500 smoked hams in the rough at 12¾@13c, and 200 do shoulders at 7¾c. Bacon is more active. Sales are reported of 1,000 boxes long clear at 7¾@8c for March. Short clear is quoted at 8¾@8¾c. The lard market is easier. Sales are reported of 600 tierces of Western at 8¼c for prime on the spot and for the month.

DUBUQUE.

Attempted Suicide—The Northwestern Sengerbund — Water-Works Company.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, March 11.—G. T. Jenkins, a well-known citizen of Osage, Iowa, attempted suicide, to-day, by shooting himself twice through the head, inflicting dangerous but not fatal wounds. The cause of the rash act is supposed to be the effect of excitement on spiritual matters.

The first wheat-sowing of the season took place to-day, near Duncombe, Hamilton County.

Great preparations are making for the meeting of the Northwestern Sengerbund here on the 20th inst. Forty-six societies, from all parts of the country, have already signified their intention to be present, and many more are expected. Delegates from a number of the most important societies are already here, looking to the preliminary arrangements. The Mannerchor Society expects to have their new Opera-House so nearly completed as to permit the singing to take place within its walls. The largest gathering of the kind ever witnessed in the Northwest is expected.

At the regular annual stockholders' meeting of the Dubuque Water Company, held yesterday at the Company's office, the following-named gentlemen were elected to fill the vacancies for the ensuing year: President, S. Chamberlin, Cleveland, Ohio; Vice President, P. L. Chamberlin, Cleveland; Treasurer and Secretary, R. J. Gibbs, Dubuque; Directors, S. Chamberlin, R. L. Chamberlin, J. L. Chamberlin, Cleveland, Ohio; E. R. Perkins, N. W. Kimball, P. Kiennesie, R. J. Gibbs, Dubuque.

THE FARMERS.

An Agricultural Convention at Quincy, Ill.—The Railroads Censured.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

QUINCY, Ill., March 11.—The farmers of Adams County met in convention in this city this afternoon, for the purpose of forming a County Farmers' Society, to act with the State organization. H. Trimble was chosen President, and John Stuart, Secretary. Addresses were made by Col. K. K. Jones, the Hon. I. N. Morris, and others. Mr. Morris spoke at length, and was particularly severe on the railroads. A belligerent memorial to the Legislature, in reference to railroad charges, was presented for the indorsement of the meeting and referred to a committee. After a scattering debate on the proper title for the society, etc., the meeting adjourned until to-morrow.

LOUISVILLE.

Further Details of the Robbery of the Falls City Tobacco Bank.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 11.—Other special deposits in the Falls City Tobacco Bank, robbed on Sunday night, are found to be missing to-day, among them ten bonds of the Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington Short Line Railroad, numbers 193 to 202 inclusive, of $1,000 each; also 135 to 140 inclusive, and 149 and 150, Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad first mortgage bonds, $1,000 each; also 1,527 to 1,533 J. effersonville, Madison & Madison Road, second mortgage bonds, $1,000 each. All the Jeffersonville Railroad bonds, the Short Line Railroad bonds, and the New Albany city bonds are missing, amounting probably over $100,000. It seems the burglars selected all the securities easily disposed of in the East, leaving the local securities scattered over the floor. The vault work was evidently done by professional burglars, the most skillful and scientific in the business. A further examination of the vault, to-day, reveals the fact that a previous effort had been made to burglarize the bank in the same way. An iron wedge was driven in the corner of the inner casing, and also a small hole was cut through the top. The wedge was rusty, and the hole was filled up with putty. It is supposed the attempt was made some months since, and relinquished for lack of tools, but the same parties returned well prepared and accomplished the work.

Burned to Death.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., March 11.—Last night the house of M. G. Smith, in Cascade, Kent County, Mich., was destroyed by fire by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. Mrs. Smith's clothing caught fire from the explosion, and she was burned so that she will probably die. The flames spread so rapidly that a son of Mr. Smith, 14 years old, asleep in another part of the building, was burned to death, it being impossible to rescue him. Mr. Smith is so burned that it is believed that his eyesight is entirely destroyed, and his hands crippled for life.

A DOOMED MAN.

It Was a Mistake About That Supersedeas.

George Driver's Time is Up on Friday.

Judge McAllister Satisfied that He Was Fairly Tried.

How the Condemned Received the News Yesterday.

THE TRIBUNE was misled, yesterday, into the statement that George Driver, the wife-murderer, had been granted a supersedeas. The statement was made on information received from the criminal's counsel, Mr. John Mason, who was very positive in the assertion that Judge McAllister had discovered a sufficient number of material errors in the record of the trial to warrant a stay of proceedings. The fact is, Judge McAllister refused to grant a supersedeas. He failed to find where any injustice had been done the murderer, and he so informed Mr. Mason in a sealed communication containing his opinion. Mr. Mason, however, did not open the letter, but sent it direct to to the Clerk of the Supreme Court at Ottawa. He imagined that it contained the Judge's reasons for granting a supersedeas, and he claims that the language of the Judge, when he first examined the record, warranted him in so imagining. When the Clerk of the Supreme Court opened the communication, he discovered that its contents were entirely different from what Mr. Mason had supposed, being as follows:

> This is an application to me as Judge at Chambers for the allowance of a writ of error, in behalf of a man under sentence of death for the crime of murder. It is due to him and the administration of justice that the views of such Judge, whose action must forever foreclose the prisoner's right of appeal to any other judicial tribunal, should be publicly stated. The record presented has been attentively read; and the points relied upon for error have been examined with all the care and deliberation demanded by the solemn issue involved.
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> 1. It is objected that the court erred in admitting evidence of threats made by the prisoner to shoot his wife, in 1869, and acts of abuse and violence, six months and three months before the homicide, on the ground that they were too remote. The evidence as to the threats to shoot her at the time and under the circumstances, as made, could have had but little weight with the jury, and, standing alone, would not be competent. But these were followed up, and it was on this ground that they were admitted, by evidence, showing a cruel and barbarous disposition toward her from that time to the time of the homicide. All this evidence was relevant to the question of malice, and was clearly admissible.
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> 2. The next point urged is based upon the newly discovered evidence of a dying declaration made by the deceased, to the effect that the prisoner was drunk at the time he struck her, else he would not have done it. This evidence was cumulative. If there is any one fact established by the evidence in this case, it is that the prisoner was considerably under the influences of liquor at the time of the homicide, and it is conclusively shown that he had all of his usual powers of locomotion and speech. There is no fact or condition about which witnesses would so entirely disagree in opinion as in respect to the degree of drunkenness upon a man who was thus able to walk and speak. This was but the opinion of his late wife, to be considered with the actual facts, as to his ability to walk and converse. But if taken as absolute and conclusive, which it could not be, still it is the law that voluntary drunkenness is no excuse for any crime. Such was the common law, and has been put into statutory form in this State, for the express purpose of a general rule, that the jury should be permitted to see all of the circumstances connected with the commission of the act, it has been held also that the prisoner's drunkenness is no condition in this respect, at the time. In some cases, when the drunkenness was not occasioned by either the fraud, contrivance, or force of others, it might be so purely the result of accident, thoughtlessness, or from some peculiar condition of a party not addicted to the vice, in which cases the fact of drunkenness ought to go far in mitigation of the punishment. So where the instrument used is not obviously a deadly weapon, it being used by a drunken man, should be considered as to the question of intentional malice. So, when the question is guilty knowledge in passing counterfeit money. And such course have held that it should be considered where there was legal provocation, and the accused carried his resentment beyond the proper bounds. But this latter position trenches upon the rule that voluntary drunkenness shall not excuse. So that as rules must be general, it is necessary to recognize the admissibility of evidence of the fact, leaving its effect to depend upon the circumstances of each case. I do not think there was any error in not granting a new trial, for the newly-discovered evidence, because the evidence was merely cumulative, and could add little or nothing to the weight of that given in the case.
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> 3. The last point is one of more difficulty. The Court was asked on behalf of the prisoner to instruct the jury, in substance, that if just before the act of shooting the prisoner was lying on the bed, or bed-room, and the deceased went into it in an angry manner, and then and there struck the prisoner a blow on the face and cut him or made him bleed, and that he thereupon, without deliberation or malice aforethought, in a momentary passionate impulse, shot and killed the deceased there, in that case such killing would amount only to manslaughter, and not murder, and the jury should so find. The Court refused to give this instruction, to which exception was taken. The question here presented is the only one about which there any hesitation. Mr. Russell, a writer of great authority on criminal law, states the doctrine involved in the above instruction, thus: "As the indulgence which is shown by the law in some cases to the first transport of passion is a condescension to the frailty of the human frame, to the furor brevis, which, while the frenzy lasts, renders a man deaf to the voice of reason; so the provocation which is allowed to extenuate in the case of homicide, must be something which a man is conscious of, whilst he feels and resents *at the instant* the fact which he would extenuate was committed. All of the circumstances of the case must lead to the conclusion that the act done, though intentional of death or great bodily harm, was not the result of a cool, deliberate judgment and previous malignity of heart, but solely imputable to human infirmity. For there are many trivial and some considerable provocations, which are not permitted to extenuate an act of homicide, or rebut the conclusion of malice, to which the other circumstances of the case may lead." 1 RUSS. on Crimes, 513, 514.
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THE STATE CAPITAL.

Outlines of the Bill to Provide for the Public Printing.

The Illinois River Improvement Bill Passed in the Senate.

Report in Favor of Appropriating $1,000,000, for the New State-House.

Passage of the Judicial Apportionment Bill in the Upper House.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELECTION OF JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES.

SPRINGFIELD, March 11.—The Senate bill to make the election of Justices of the Peace and Constables uniform throughout the State got 92 votes in the House, not sufficient for an emergency, so it was reconsidered and made the special order for Thursday.

SAVINGS BANKS.

The House talked several hours on the bill to establish savings banks, reported from the Committee, and then tabled it by 65 to 36.

COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR.

The Senators from Cook had a free fight over the bill creating the office of Assessor in their county. Messrs. Waite and Dow spoke for it, and were reinforced by Thompson and Reynolds, while Williamson, Kehoe and McGrath talked the bill to death. On its passage it got but 13 votes to 27. The usual motion to reconsider was entered, but it is beyond resurrection.

JUDICIAL SALARIES.

The bill raising the salaries of Circuit Judges from $3,500 to $4,000 was laid upon the House table.

BREWERS' BILL.

Mr. Lomax's mission to get a bill passed to allow brewers and others to reclaim kegs and bottles failed, having received only 7 votes.

HOUR OF MEETING.

The House will meet hereafter at 9:30 in the morning.

CONVICT LABOR.

Mr. Quinn introduced a bill prohibiting convicts from working outside the walls of the Penitentiary.

MURDER TRIAL.

George M. Burch will be tried here to-morrow on the charge of having murdered a man named Kendall, who, in May, 1872, was engaged with others in a free fight in the town of Illiopolis. An attempt was made by a party to arrest the Kendall party, during which Kendall was shot. The question to be decided is whether Burch was one of the posse.

PARDONED.

George Jennings, convicted in Madison County in 1864 of robbery, and sentenced for twelve years, was to-day pardoned.

VIENNA COMMISSION.

George Schneider, H. L. Hall, of Chicago, and Edward E. Ayers, of Harvard, were commissioned as Complimentary Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition to-day.

NEW STATE-HOUSE.

The Senate Appropriation Committee has decided to recommend the appropriation of $1,000,000 for the State-House, as follows:

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Deficiency Appropriation bill, providing for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Government, was recommitted because it was considered too loose in its provisions. It allows $8,000 as the Governor's contingent fund, $1,000 for his office, stationery, repairs, &c.; $5,000 for the Secretary of State's office; $600 for the Treasurer's office; $500 for the Adjutan-General; blank sums to pay for State printing and binding, and for stationery, furniture, &c., ordered by the General Assembly.

THE NEW PRINTING BILL.

A close examination of the proposed new printing laws shows that it differs very little from the law passed at the last session. It is doubtful whether the right to order printing *ad lib.* to be conferred upon the different State officers would not be a temptation to indulge in unnecessary bloviating for the itch to see themselves in print—a human weakness—would influence State officials, as well as ordinary men. Then the bill provides that there shall be appointed "*two* practical printers, not at the time engaged in the printing business," to assist the Commissioners in counting the work, and these gentlemen are to receive *eight* dollars a day for the time they are employed. The present law allows the employment of *one* man at *five* dollars a day, and it works very well. The secret of the new bill is, that two gentlemen—one attached to the Auditor's office, and the other having a quasi connection with the same department—drew perquisites under the old law, and cannot under the new. Now, they desire to draw $8 a day, but as it would be too barefaced to amend the present law solely in that particular, and for their profit, a new bill, containing the provision, is introduced. If the law needs amendment—and there are few statutes that cannot be improved,—let it be amended, but not merely to provide perquisites for two interesting, but not entirely disinterested, gentlemen. That's what's the matter with the Printing law.

MUNICIPAL TAXES.

The fate of House bill 300 still hangs in the balance, and will depend on the conduct of Cook County toward the Judicial Apportionment in the House. There is no violent opposition to House bill 19, the Chicago curtain measure, which will be apt to pass the Senate in safety.

FARMERS' RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

The Agricultural Railroad Committee met last evening and did nothing. Mr. Gordon, of the House, is Chairman of the Committee, and Senator Castle—a gentleman of much financial talent, the proprietor of a bank in DeKalb County—is Secretary. Mr. Castle writes a good hand, but a banker is a curious Secretary of a "farmers'" committee.

THE LAKE FRONT.

Mr. Herrington, of Kane, introduced in the House a bill to repeal the Lake Front act, similar to the Reynolds bill now in the Senate Municipal Committee. If the latter does not report his bill back by to-morrow Mr. Reynolds will reintroduce the bill in the Senate. Herrington's bill was sent to the Railroad Committee.

THE MAYOR'S BILL.

Senate bill No. 282, reported from the Municipality Committee, intended to repeal the Mayor's bill, divests the Mayor of all power for good and virtually leaves him at the mercy of the Common Council. The first section reduces the power of the Mayor to recommending that a dishonest or incompetent official should be removed, but not without the "advice and consent" of a majority of the Council, which everybody knows can never be obtained if the obnoxious official has influence in ward politics. The practical effect is to deprive the Mayor of the removal power. It would be more manly and honest to say so in plain language. The passage of this section would relegate the Police and Fire Departments to the control of the Aldermen, and enable them to secure appointments for their political friends without reference for their fitness. The second section holds the Mayor "responsible for the good order and government of the city." This is simply absurd. After robbing him of all authority over the Police and Fire Departments by the first section, the second coolly declares him responsible for that which he has no power to regulate or control—"good order and government." The third section deprives him of the power to veto part of an ordinance without vetoing the whole of it, in short, prevents him from cutting the steals out of the annual appropriation ordinance without invalidating the remainder. This power is of vital importance to the tax-payers and to the thieves; to the former, because it protects their interests and admits of economy, and to the latter, because it makes rings powerless and unprofitable, and stops the plundering of the Treasury for their benefit. The bill is invidious. With an appearance of fairness, it is an outrage and should never be passed. The public is asleep on the subject, and should protest against its passage. That they may more fully understand its provisions, it is appended as reported from the Committee and ordered to a first reading.

ILLINOIS RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The Senate passed, by 30 to 9, the bill to construct a dam and lock at or near Copperas Creek. It appropriates $200,000, and the surplus revenue of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, after the discharge of the lien held by the City of Chicago, and the net proceeds of the tolls of the Illinois River. This will raise about $400,000. The safe passage of the bill through the Senate is largely due to the untiring efforts and dexterous management of Senator Rogers.

SALE OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD LANDS.

The Senate passed the Casey bill to compel the Trustees of land granted to the Illinois Central Railroad Company to execute their trust, by offering for sale, in each county were selected, the unsold lands in the months of October and November, 1872, and April and May each year thereafter, and such lands are not to be withdrawn from sale so long as $2 an acre is bid. If sold, the lands will become subject to taxation.

JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT.

The Senate passed the Judicial Apportionment bill by 41 to 2. It will probably pass the House without trouble. The bill is as follows:

A BILL for an act to divide the State of Illinois, exclusive of the County of Cook, into judicial circuits.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That the State of Illinois, exclusive of the County of Cook, be and the same is hereby divided into judicial circuits, as follows, to-wit:

First Circuit—The Counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago.

Second—The Counties of Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, and Lake.

Third—The Counties of Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle, and Lee.

Fourth—The Counties of Kane, DuPage, and Kendall.

Fifth—The Counties of Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry.

Sixth—The Counties of Bureau and LaSalle.

Seventh—The Counties of Will and Grundy.

Eighth—The Counties of Henderson, Warren and Knox.

Ninth—The Counties of Peoria and Stark.

Tenth—The Counties of Hancock and Adams.

Eleventh—The Counties of Fulton, McDonough, Schuyler, Brown, and Pike.

Twelfth—The Counties of Putnam, Marshall, Woodford, and Tazewell.

Thirteenth—The Counties of Kankakee, Iroquois, and Livingston.

Fourteenth—The Counties of McLean and Ford.

Fifteenth—The Counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Clark, Coles, and Douglas.

Sixteenth—The Counties of Champaign, Piatt, Moultrie, and Macon.

Seventeenth—The Counties of DeWitt, Logan, Menard, and Mason.

Eighteenth—The Counties of Cass, Morgan, Scott, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun.

Nineteenth—The Counties of Sangamon and Macoupin.

Twentieth—The Counties of Christian, Montgomery, Fayette, and Shelby.

Twenty-first—The Counties of Cumberland, Effingham, Clay, Jasper, Richland, Lawrence, and Crawford.

Twenty-second—The Counties of Bond, Madison, and St. Clair.

Twenty-third—The Counties of Marion, Clinton, Washington, Randolph, Monroe, and Perry.

Twenty-fourth—The Counties of Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, White, Hamilton, and Gallatin.

Twenty-fifth—The Counties of Franklin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, and Union.

Twenty-sixth—The Counties of Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac, Pulaski, and Alexander.

That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Whereas, by the Constitution, the election for Judges of the Circuit Courts shall be held on the first Monday in June, in the year of our Lord 1873, and every six years thereafter; and whereas, by the constitution, it is further provided that new circuits may be formed and the boundaries of circuits changed by the General Assembly at its session next preceding the election for Circuit Judges, but at no other time; and therefore an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GRAIN GAMBLING.

The following, which has been read a first time, may be interesting to the Board of Trade:

A BILL for an act to prevent gambling in grain.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all contracts and agreements which have been, or shall be made or entered into by or between any person or persons whatsoever upon which any premium or consideration in the nature of a premium shall be given or paid, for liberty to put upon, or privileges to deliver, receive, accept or refuse any grain or other staple product of the country whatsoever, or any part, share or interest therein, and also all wagers and all contracts in the nature of wagers, and all contracts in the nature of bets, privileges, and options relating to contracts for future price or value of any such grain or staple product as aforesaid, shall be null and void to all intents and purposes whatever. And all such contracts and agreements shall be deemed to be gaming contracts within the intent and meaning of chapter forty-six of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Gaming;" a true interpretation and construction of which said chapter shall be held to include and prohibit all the aforesaid contracts and agreements; and it is further provided that all the provisions of said chapter forty-six shall be held to apply thereto.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, March 11.

ARRESTEES.

The resolution made special order for this morning, instructing the Secretary to call the roll each morning and enter names of absentees upon the journal, was adopted. The resolution instructing the Secretary to go over the journals and report all absentees at previous roll-calls, not absent sick or with leave, was lost—yeas, 10; nays, 19.

BILLS ON A THIRD READING.

Senate bill 75, to compel Trustees of land of the Illinois Central Railroad Company to execute their trust, was discussed at length by Senators Casey, Yoris, Steele, and Upton. Passed—yeas, 39.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Consideration of bills on a second reading, the special order for 11 o'clock, on motion, was postponed until half-past 2 this afternoon.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

By permission, Senator PALMER called up bill 267, to divide the State into judicial districts, and it was put upon its passage. Passed—yeas, 41; nays, 2. The bill has an emergency clause. Nays, Donahue and Hinchcliffe.

BILLS ON A THIRD READING AGAIN.

Senate bill 152, authorizing Canal Commissioners to construct a lock or dam near Copperas Creek. Passed—yeas, 30; nays, 9.

YEAS.			
Baldwin,	Hinchcliffe,	Short,	
Brooks,	Hundley,	Sharpe,	
Brown,	Jones,	Steele,	
Burns,	Kehoe,	Thompson,	
Canfield,	Lee,	Upton,	
Castle,	McGrath,	Waite,	
Cummings,	Nicholson,	Warren,	
Cusey,	Reynolds,	Whiting,	
Dow,	Sheldon,	Wilcox,	
Glenn,	Shepard,	Williamson.	
	NAYS.		
Burke,	Donahue,	Sanford,	
Casey,	Green,	Strong,	
Cunningham,	Hampton,	Yoris.	

Senate bill 93, an act concerning revenue in counties having 100,000 inhabitants, and to provide for a County Assessor, and prescribe his duties. Motion to refer to Committee on Revision lost; to refer to the Select Committee of the Cook County delegation lost—yeas 16; nays, 21.

A motion to strike out the enacting clause was withdrawn.

A motion to commit to the Revenue Committee was lost.

The previous question was pending when a motion to adjourn was put and lost—yeas, 16; nays, 21.

The vote on the passage—yeas, 13; nays, 27. Senator Thompson entered a motion to reconsider.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

NEW BILLS.

By Mr. GORDON—To make appropriation for the support of feeble-minded children.

By Mr. HERRINGTON—To repeal the Lake Front act.

SPECIAL ORDER.

House bill 390, in relation to decrees. Slight amendments were made, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

House bill, providing for the payment of the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Government, was read, and referred back to the Committee on Appropriations.

House bill 145, providing for the transfer of territory from one county to another, ordered to a third reading.

House bill, fixing the fees of jurors in cases of condemnation of private property, under the Eminent Domain law, same order.

House bill providing for the manner of proceedings against railroad corporations. Read, and same order.

House bill amending the act in regard to practice in Courts of Chancery was postponed.

House bill 394, establishing Savings Banks.

Mr. HAWES offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing that the interest allowed depositors shall be paid for the full time that the money is on deposit.

Mr. HARVEY offered an amendment providing that none but honest men shall be permitted to establish savings banks.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. QUINN offered an amendment reducing the amount of money to be received on deposit from ten times the amount of the paid-up capital to twice the amount.

Mr. RAY moved that the amendment be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. QUINN moved to recommit. Lost.

Recess till 2½ p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

NEW BILLS.

By Mr. FERRIER—In regard to salaries of State officers and others.

By Mr. GORDON—In relation to the institution for feeble-minded children.

NEW BILLS.

Mr. JOHNSON called up his resolution providing that the House shall meet at 9½ a. m. each day. Adopted.

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Mr. DUNHAM offered an amendment making the stockholders liable for all the money deposited.

Mr. CASSIDY moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table. Carried—yeas, 66; nays, 36.

JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES.

Senate bill 154, providing for the election and qualification of Justices of the Peace and Constables, was read a third time, and, being an emergency bill, failed to pass—yeas, 92; nays, 7.

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According to his own statement, he is a free fight in the town of Illiopolis. An attempt was made by a party to arrest the Kendall party, during which Kendall was shot. The question to be decided is whether Burch was one of the posse.

PARDONED.

George Jennings, convicted in Madison County in 1864 of robbery, and sentenced for twelve years, was to-day pardoned.

VIENNA COMMISSION.

George Schneider, H. L. Hall, of Chicago, and Edward E. Ayers, of Harvard, were commissioned as Complimentary Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition to-day.

NEW STATE-HOUSE.

The Senate Appropriation Committee has decided to recommend the appropriation of $1,000,000 for the State-House, as follows:

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Deficiency Appropriation bill, providing for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Government, was recommitted because it was considered too loose in its provisions. It allows $8,000 as the Governor's contingent fund, $1,000 for his office, stationery, repairs, &c.; $5,000 for the Secretary of State's office; $600 for the Treasurer's office; $500 for the Adjutan-General; blank sums to pay for State printing and binding, and for stationery, furniture, &c., ordered by the General Assembly.

THE NEW PRINTING BILL.

A close examination of the proposed new printing laws shows that it differs very little from the law passed at the last session. It is doubtful whether the right to order printing *ad lib.* to be conferred upon the different State officers would not be a temptation to indulge in unnecessary bloviating for the itch to see themselves in print—a human weakness—would influence State officials, as well as ordinary men. Then the bill provides that there shall be appointed "*two* practical printers, not at the time engaged in the printing business," to assist the Commissioners in counting the work, and these gentlemen are to receive *eight* dollars a day for the time they are employed. The present law allows the employment of *one* man at *five* dollars a day, and it works very well. The secret of the new bill is, that two gentlemen—one attached to the Auditor's office, and the other having a quasi connection with the same department—drew perquisites under the old law, and cannot under the new. Now, they desire to draw $8 a day, but as it would be too barefaced to amend the present law solely in that particular, and for their profit, a new bill, containing the provision, is introduced. If the law needs amendment—and there are few statutes that cannot be improved,—let it be amended, but not merely to provide perquisites for two interesting, but not entirely disinterested, gentlemen. That's what's the matter with the Printing law.

MUNICIPAL TAXES.

The fate of House bill 300 still hangs in the balance, and will depend on the conduct of Cook County toward the Judicial Apportionment in the House. There is no violent opposition to House bill 19, the Chicago curtain measure, which will be apt to pass the Senate in safety.

FARMERS' RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

The Agricultural Railroad Committee met last evening and did nothing. Mr. Gordon, of the House, is Chairman of the Committee, and Senator Castle—a gentleman of much financial talent, the proprietor of a bank in DeKalb County—is Secretary. Mr. Castle writes a good hand, but a banker is a curious Secretary of a "farmers'" committee.

THE LAKE FRONT.

Mr. Herrington, of Kane, introduced in the House a bill to repeal the Lake Front act, similar to the Reynolds bill now in the Senate Municipal Committee. If the latter does not report his bill back by to-morrow Mr. Reynolds will reintroduce the bill in the Senate. Herrington's bill was sent to the Railroad Committee.

THE MAYOR'S BILL.

Senate bill No. 282, reported from the Municipality Committee, intended to repeal the Mayor's bill, divests the Mayor of all power for good and virtually leaves him at the mercy of the Common Council. The first section reduces the power of the Mayor to recommending that a dishonest or incompetent official should be removed, but not without the "advice and consent" of a majority of the Council, which everybody knows can never be obtained if the obnoxious official has influence in ward politics. The practical effect is to deprive the Mayor of the removal power. It would be more manly and honest to say so in plain language. The passage of this section would relegate the Police and Fire Departments to the control of the Aldermen, and enable them to secure appointments for their political friends without reference for their fitness. The second section holds the Mayor "responsible for the good order and government of the city." This is simply absurd. After robbing him of all authority over the Police and Fire Departments by the first section, the second coolly declares him responsible for that which he has no power to regulate or control—"good order and government." The third section deprives him of the power to veto part of an ordinance without vetoing the whole of it, in short, prevents him from cutting the steals out of the annual appropriation ordinance without invalidating the remainder. This power is of vital importance to the tax-payers and to the thieves; to the former, because it protects their interests and admits of economy, and to the latter, because it makes rings powerless and unprofitable, and stops the plundering of the Treasury for their benefit. The bill is invidious. With an appearance of fairness, it is an outrage and should never be passed. The public is asleep on the subject, and should protest against its passage. That they may more fully understand its provisions, it is appended as reported from the Committee and ordered to a first reading.

ILLINOIS RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The Senate passed, by 30 to 9, the bill to construct a dam and lock at or near Copperas Creek. It appropriates $200,000, and the surplus revenue of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, after the discharge of the lien held by the City of Chicago, and the net proceeds of the tolls of the Illinois River. This will raise about $400,000. The safe passage of the bill through the Senate is largely due to the untiring efforts and dexterous management of Senator Rogers.

SALE OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD LANDS.

The Senate passed the Casey bill to compel the Trustees of land granted to the Illinois Central Railroad Company to execute their trust, by offering for sale, in each county were selected, the unsold lands in the months of October and November, 1872, and April and May each year thereafter, and such lands are not to be withdrawn from sale so long as $2 an acre is bid. If sold, the lands will become subject to taxation.

JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT.

The Senate passed the Judicial Apportionment bill by 41 to 2. It will probably pass the House without trouble. The bill is as follows:

A BILL for an act to divide the State of Illinois, exclusive of the County of Cook, into judicial circuits.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That the State of Illinois, exclusive of the County of Cook, be and the same is hereby divided into judicial circuits, as follows, to-wit:

First Circuit—The Counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago.

Second—The Counties of Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, and Lake.

Third—The Counties of Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle, and Lee.

Fourth—The Counties of Kane, DuPage, and Kendall.

Fifth—The Counties of Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry.

Sixth—The Counties of Bureau and LaSalle.

Seventh—The Counties of Will and Grundy.

Eighth—The Counties of Henderson, Warren and Knox.

Ninth—The Counties of Peoria and Stark.

Tenth—The Counties of Hancock and Adams.

Eleventh—The Counties of Fulton, McDonough, Schuyler, Brown, and Pike.

Twelfth—The Counties of Putnam, Marshall, Woodford, and Tazewell.

Thirteenth—The Counties of Kankakee, Iroquois, and Livingston.

Fourteenth—The Counties of McLean and Ford.

Fifteenth—The Counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Clark, Coles, and Douglas.

Sixteenth—The Counties of Champaign, Piatt, Moultrie, and Macon.

Seventeenth—The Counties of DeWitt, Logan, Menard, and Mason.

Eighteenth—The Counties of Cass, Morgan, Scott, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun.

Nineteenth—The Counties of Sangamon and Macoupin.

Twentieth—The Counties of Christian, Montgomery, Fayette, and Shelby.

Twenty-first—The Counties of Cumberland, Effingham, Clay, Jasper, Richland, Lawrence, and Crawford.

Twenty-second—The Counties of Bond, Madison, and St. Clair.

Twenty-third—The Counties of Marion, Clinton, Washington, Randolph, Monroe, and Perry.

Twenty-fourth—The Counties of Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, White, Hamilton, and Gallatin.

Twenty-fifth—The Counties of Franklin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, and Union.

Twenty-sixth—The Counties of Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac, Pulaski, and Alexander.

That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Whereas, by the Constitution, the election for Judges of the Circuit Courts shall be held on the first Monday in June, in the year of our Lord 1873, and every six years thereafter; and whereas, by the constitution, it is further provided that new circuits may be formed and the boundaries of circuits changed by the General Assembly at its session next preceding the election for Circuit Judges, but at no other time; and therefore an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GRAIN GAMBLING.

The following, which has been read a first time, may be interesting to the Board of Trade:

A BILL for an act to prevent gambling in grain.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all contracts and agreements which have been, or shall be made or entered into by or between any person or persons whatsoever upon which any premium or consideration in the nature of a premium shall be given or paid, for liberty to put upon, or privileges to deliver, receive, accept or refuse any grain or other staple product of the country whatsoever, or any part, share or interest therein, and also all wagers and all contracts in the nature of wagers, and all contracts in the nature of bets, privileges, and options relating to contracts for future price or value of any such grain or staple product as aforesaid, shall be null and void to all intents and purposes whatever. And all such contracts and agreements shall be deemed to be gaming contracts within the intent and meaning of chapter forty-six of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Gaming;" a true interpretation and construction of which said chapter shall be held to include and prohibit all the aforesaid contracts and agreements; and it is further provided that all the provisions of said chapter forty-six shall be held to apply thereto.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, March 11.

ARRESTEES.

The resolution made special order for this morning, instructing the Secretary to call the roll each morning and enter names of absentees upon the journal, was adopted. The resolution instructing the Secretary to go over the journals and report all absentees at previous roll-calls, not absent sick or with leave, was lost—yeas, 10; nays, 19.

BILLS ON A THIRD READING.

Senate bill 75, to compel Trustees of land of the Illinois Central Railroad Company to execute their trust, was discussed at length by Senators Casey, Yoris, Steele, and Upton. Passed—yeas, 39.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Consideration of bills on a second reading, the special order for 11 o'clock, on motion, was postponed until half-past 2 this afternoon.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

By permission, Senator PALMER called up bill 267, to divide the State into judicial districts, and it was put upon its passage. Passed—yeas, 41; nays, 2. The bill has an emergency clause. Nays, Donahue and Hinchcliffe.

BILLS ON A THIRD READING AGAIN.

Senate bill 152, authorizing Canal Commissioners to construct a lock or dam near Copperas Creek. Passed—yeas, 30; nays, 9.

YEAS.			
Baldwin,	Hinchcliffe,	Short,	
Brooks,	Hundley,	Sharpe,	
Brown,	Jones,	Steele,	
Burns,	Kehoe,	Thompson,	
Canfield,	Lee,	Upton,	
Castle,	McGrath,	Waite,	
Cummings,	Nicholson,	Warren,	
Cusey,	Reynolds,	Whiting,	
Dow,	Sheldon,	Wilcox,	
Glenn,	Shepard,	Williamson.	
	NAYS.		
Burke,	Donahue,	Sanford,	
Casey,	Green,	Strong,	
Cunningham,	Hampton,	Yoris.	

Senate bill 93, an act concerning revenue in counties having 100,000 inhabitants, and to provide for a County Assessor, and prescribe his duties. Motion to refer to Committee on Revision lost; to refer to the Select Committee of the Cook County delegation lost—yeas 16; nays, 21.

A motion to strike out the enacting clause was withdrawn.

A motion to commit to the Revenue Committee was lost.

The previous question was pending when a motion to adjourn was put and lost—yeas, 16; nays, 21.

The vote on the passage—yeas, 13; nays, 27. Senator Thompson entered a motion to reconsider.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

NEW BILLS.

By Mr. GORDON—To make appropriation for the support of feeble-minded children.

By Mr. HERRINGTON—To repeal the Lake Front act.

SPECIAL ORDER.

House bill 390, in relation to decrees. Slight amendments were made, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

House bill, providing for the payment of the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Government, was read, and referred back to the Committee on Appropriations.

House bill 145, providing for the transfer of territory from one county to another, ordered to a third reading.

House bill, fixing the fees of jurors in cases of condemnation of private property, under the Eminent Domain law, same order.

House bill providing for the manner of proceedings against railroad corporations. Read, and same order.

House bill amending the act in regard to practice in Courts of Chancery was postponed.

House bill 394, establishing Savings Banks.

Mr. HAWES offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing that the interest allowed depositors shall be paid for the full time that the money is on deposit.

Mr. HARVEY offered an amendment providing that none but honest men shall be permitted to establish savings banks.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. QUINN offered an amendment reducing the amount of money to be received on deposit from ten times the amount of the paid-up capital to twice the amount.

Mr. RAY moved that the amendment be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. QUINN moved to recommit. Lost.

Recess till 2½ p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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How Superintendent Washburn Duped the Times.

Also How That Veracious Sheet Manufactures Sensations.

To relate that the *Times* newspaper had a "sensation" in its columns is equivalent to throwing grave doubts upon the truth of the narrative there published, everybody knowing full well that its "sensations" are generally concocted in the office by one of the delicate young gentlemen of the establishment. The story of abduction, as told in that veracious journal yesterday, does not differ materially from the ordinary run of its stories, so far as its truth is concerned. It did differ in this, however. The reporter who wrote it was the dupe of the Chief of Police, who was his own dupe also. Mr. Washburn, in giving the story away to the reporters, took an excellent opportunity to advertise his own negligence. The *Times* reporter told the yarn to the young gentleman from the *Inter-Puddles*, in return for certain favors shown by the latter in furnishing items to the *Times* men generally when, either from inattention to duty, or fear of meeting some unfortunate who is still smarting under slanders, the enterprising young men keep themselves religiously AWAY from news centres. It was too bad of Mr. Washburn to dupe the reporters, and more than ungrateful of the *Times* man to deceive the faithful itemizer of the other moral sheet down on Congress street. It was especially unkind of Mr. Washburn to try and dupe THE TRIBUNE reporter. He would have succeeded, too, had the representative of this paper been satisfied with the yarns spun by the Chief of Police. But, it being a rule in all well regulated newspapers for the reporters to investigate thoroughly every story they may hear, this yarn of Mr. Washburn's was carefully unwound, and found to be too thin altogether for use.

The story was that a young lady, living on Twenty-fourth street, while walking a square or two, was abducted by some men, thrown into a carriage, and conveyed to some house on West Madison street, the number of which she did not very conveniently) remember. Then she was there pronounced not to be the woman for whom the ruffians were searching, but another woman, and that she was thereupon released. The "abduction" occurred on Friday morning. The young lady was too much frightened to give the alarm when placed in the carriage, and was drugged or anæsthetized when the door was closed and the vehicle started off. This was most ingenious, and saved plenty of explanation, which the young lady could not have given.

In point of fact the story was an outrageous falsehood, concocted not by a professional perverter, but by the young lady herself, who thus gave encouragement in mendacity where none was needed.

The real story is this, that a young lady who lives on Indiana avenue was deeply in love. This is a solution of her eccentric conduct. The youth who caused the trouble is employed in the extensive iron-works at Joliet. On Thursday she was visited by a lady friend who lives in that city, and the two ladies determined upon a scheme by which Miss —— might visit her lover and not be found out. According to their plan, Miss —— started forth on Friday morning. She went to mail a letter at 8 o'clock, took the early train, reached Joliet in safety, saw her friends, embraced her lover, and enjoyed herself amazingly, returning on Saturday afternoon.

Meanwhile, her failure to return home on Friday caused her father profound anxiety. His anguish increased toward evening, and at night the poor man was nearly wild with grief and horrible anticipation. He staggered over to the house of his superintendent Washburn, and narrated to him all he knew. Where could she be? Was she murdered? Had she committed suicide? Had she eloped? What could it all mean? A hundred thousand terrible pictures flashed across the poor man's mental vision. The Chief thought it would be well to let the papers know about it; but the agonized parent shrank from the suggestion as too harrowing. The publicity of the possible fate of his daughter was more than he could stand.

The Chief sent him home with a few words of comfort, but was himself quite uneasy about the girl's fate.

When Miss —— returned, there was a great commotion. The blanched faces of her relatives told of the anguish they had experienced on her account, and she had not the courage to tell of her escapade. So she calmly and deliberately invented a most outrageous falsehood.

Or, what a tangled web we weave

When first we practise to deceive.

She related that wonderful story of abduction that appeared in the *Times* and the scarcely less desirable journal of the gutters. This was dreadful. It more than realized her parent's anticipations. She had been abducted. She confessed that much. Was there more to tell? Was it so fearful a nature that she concealed it? There, indeed, the case was hopeless. The poor man was even more grief-stricken, for he could not believe that a girl could be carried off in the surreptitious manner claimed by his daughter without a worse termination to the adventure than she had related.

A gentleman living in the house called on Mr. Washburn on Saturday night, and told him Miss —— had returned, but could give no particulars. Washburn, who lives near the house, called and saw the girl, who, nothing daunted, repeated the story with which she had horrified her parents. Then a youth residing in the house carried the news to Adams street, adding a few lies to make his individual importance more evident, and the reporter added all he omitted. The *Times* man called on the Chief next morning, and the Chief corroborated the story. Being a dupe himself, he duped the *Times* reporter, and the *Times* reporter carried the joke still further.

Monday the girl's father called on the Chief; said he had been cross-questioned his daughter, and found that

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 11.

The following is a summary of the reports of the National Banks of Chicago, made to show their condition at the close of business on Feb. 28, 1873, and includes all the items in the reports.

In the column of percentages of "cash means" to deposits, the term "cash means" includes cash, stocks, and bonds on hand and clearing-house exchanges, this being the aggregate of available means exclusive of loans and bonds deposited with the United States Treasurer.

The circulation and the bonds deposited to secure it are both left out of the calculation of percentages, as they offset each other:

Banks.	Loans, disc'ts and overdrafts.	U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.	Other Stocks and Bonds.	Due from Reserve Agents.	Due from other Banks and Bankers.	Cash Items.	Exchanges for Clearing House.	Bills of other Banks.	Fractional Currency.	Specie.	Legal Tenders.	Deposits.	Circulation.	Due to other Banks and Bankers.	Capital Stock paid in.	Surplus Fund.	Other Liabilities.	Cash means to Deposits.
Union National Bank	$ 1,000,000	$ 450,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 450,000	$ 50,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	50
Third National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Commercial National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Merchants' National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
National Bank of Commerce	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Union Stock Yards National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
First National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Cook County National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Corn Exchange National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Fifth National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Merchants' Exchange National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Northwestern National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
German National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Security National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Tradesmen's National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Metropolitan National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Mechanics' National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Central National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Bankers' National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Traders' National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
City National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Mechanics' National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Merchants' National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Northwestern National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Second National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Fourth National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Union National Bank	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	1,000,000	450,000	50,000	1,000,000	50,000	50,000	50
Total	$ 25,000,000	$ 11,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 25,000,000	$ 11,250,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 25,000,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 1,250,000	50

RESOURCES. LIABILITIES.

As compared with the aggregates of the statement for Dec. 27, 1872, the most noticeable features in the above summary are an increase of deposits to the extent of $3,081,843. Consequent upon this increase of funds, we find an increase of $1,260,000 in loans; an increase of $600,000 cash and city checks on hand, and an increase of $1,181,000 exchange. The twenty-one National Banks have also increased their aggregate capital and surplus by the amount of $425,000, and their aggregate of circulation outstanding by the amount of $513,300 since the first statement. Almost every item in the statement gives evidence of the great change from extreme stringency at the time of the December statement to an easy money market now.

The money market to-day showed a continuance of the progress toward the ease exhibited in the above statement up to the date to which it refers.

New York exchange was scarcer to-day, and sold hot even banks at par.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
6-20s of '67	114¾	115¾
5-20s of '67, January and July	114¾	115¾
5-20s of '67, April and October	114¾	115¾
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	114¾	115¾
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	115¾	116¾
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10-40s, reg	110¾	111¾
10-40s, coup	111¾	112¾
U. S. 7-30s (Treasury)	112¾	113¾
Chicago City 7-30s	100	
Chicago City 7s	92½	& int.
Cook County 7s	89½	& int.
Illinois, County and Township 10s	92½	& int.
Illinois Central R.R. 7-10-21s Par-1-10	108¼	109¼
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)	108¼	109¼
Gold Exchange	115¼	
Bold and Gold Coupons	114¾	115¾

LATER.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Money continues close, and ranged to-day from 1-16 to 1-64, with exceptions at 7 per cent, closing at 6@7 1-32. The announcement was made, late in the afternoon, that Secretary Boutwell has contracted Treasury notes for $44,000,000, and the indications are that the gold sales will not be increased and that the purchases of bonds will be suspended for the present.

Sterling opened higher, but closed at 107¾@109.

Gold was quiet and steady at 115@115¼, closing at 115¼@115¾. Loans at 6 per cent to 3-64 for carrying. Clearings, $29,000,000. Treasury disbursements, $97,000.

Government were dull but strong.

State bonds ruled dull, with Tennessees very strong.

Railroad bonds were in good demand.

The stock market was quiet throughout the day, and the absence of important events in the Pacific left Stock Talent. Prices generally tended higher during the morning and lower in the afternoon, under pegs that Boutwell was likely to be defeated for the Senate. Total sales dealings were attended by a scarcity owing to the announcement in regard to the Treasury, and the news from the Massachusetts Senatorial election, which, it is believed, indicates the choice of Hamblin, will stiffen the backbone of Judge Wilson in the Treasury. Under these influences the market closed strong. Pacific Mail advanced from 61 to 62, but fell to 60¾ at the close. Rock Island advanced from 113½ to 114. Pittsburg 115½ to 115¾.

It is reported that the Erie and Hartford & Erie companies have perfected a joint arrangement to test the foreclosure of the latter, under the Berdell mortgage. The stockholders and bondholders of both of the Berdell mortgages have agreed to a recapitalization of their interests at 50 per cent of the present nominal value, if the Company is reorganized. It is also reported that the Company can obtain a loan of $10,000,000 in Europe, if reorganization is perfected without the Berdell mortgage.

Telegrams from Amsterdam and Frankfort report a decline in American bonds, and a decline of 9@10 per cent on the poorer class within a fortnight.

Sterling, 107¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

6-20s of '62	115¾
6-20s of '64	115¾
6-20s of '65	116¼
6-20s of '65, new	115¾
Consols, '81	115¾
Consols, '67	115¾
Currency 6s	118¾
10-40s (new)	111¾
New 5s	113¾

STATE STOCKS.

Missouris	93½
Tennessees, old	68
Tennessees, new	62
Virginias, old	50
Virginias, new	50

STOCKS.

Canton	100
W. U. Tel	74
Quicksilver	42½
Quicksilver pfd	75¾
Adams Express	94
Wells, Fargo & Co	93¾
American Express	67½
United States Exp	73½
Pacific Mail	60
New York Central	105¾
Erie	26¾
Erie pfd	45¾
Harlem	135
Harlem pfd	135
Michigan Central	106½
Pittsburgh	115¾
Northwestern	81¾
Northwestern pfd	86¾
Rock Island	114
Ft. Wayne	94¾
Illinois Central	97½
Chicago & Alton	93
Chicago & Alton pfd	110
Ohio & Mississippi	46¾
C., C., C. & I.	87
C., R. I. & P.	94¾
Lake Shore	94¾
Indiana Central	40¾
Illinois Central	126
Pacific Mail stocks	60¾
Union Pacific bonds	88¾
Central Pacific bonds	103¾
Land grants	81¾
Ill. & La Fay	87½
St. Paul	83¼

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Monday, March 11:

CITY PROPERTY.

Cornell et, bet Kinzie and Holt sts, s f, 25 ft 8¾ alley, dated March 10; consideration, $6,000.

Ashley pl, s s, and near Robey st, e f, Lot 62, dated March 4; consideration, $1,100.

Illinois st, bet North Dearborn and State sts, s f, 18 feet 10 alley, dated March 10; consideration, $2,400.

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Clayton st, n s, 50 ft w of Morgan st, w f, 25x100 feet, dated Mar. 10; consideration, $1,400.

Sangamon st, bet Desplaines and Aberdeen sts, w f, 25x119 ft, dated March 10; consideration, $4,300.

"O" st, bet Tucker and Halsted sts, s f, Lot 14, dated Feb. 17; consideration, $850.

Bunker st, s of and near Limber st, e f, Lot 84, dated March 10; consideration, $776.

Lot 4, in Norton's s ¼ of Block 54, Sec 33, 40, 14, dated Jan. 20; consideration, $2,850.

Lot 12, in Block 10, in Cleaveland's Addition to Jamaica, with buildings, dated March 1; consideration, $1,775.

Lot 12, in Block 10, in Ogden's Addition, dated March 6; consideration, $2,400.

Sub Lot 15, of Lot 5, in Block 28, Sec 29, 39, 14, dated Jan 31; consideration, $600.

Sub Lot 15, in same, dated Jan. 31; consideration, $600.

Sub Lot 17, in same, dated Jan. 31; consideration, $600.

Monroe st, bet Market and Franklin sts, s f, w ¼ of e ¼, and w ¼ of Lot 8, also w ¼ Lot 6, and w ¼ Lot 7, conveying undivided ¼ of the above; dated March 11; consideration, $46,000. Chas. B. Farwell to John V. Farwell.

Ewing st, bet Desplaines and Jefferson sts, s f, 25x119 ft, dated March 10; consideration, $900.

Halsted st, n of and near Twenty-first st, e f, Lot 34, with buildings, dated March 7; consideration, $3,700.

West Washington st, bet Sheldon and Ada sts, n f, 24 ft 8¼ alley, dated March 7; consideration, $1,650.

Thirteenth st, bet Wood and Paulina sts, s f, Lot 33, dated March 6; consideration, $850.

Dorcy st, bet Thirteenth and Evans sts, s f, 24 ft to alley, dated March 1; consideration, $1,050.

Lots 14 and 15, in Mason's Subdivision of Lots 3 and 8, in s ½ of s w ¼, Sec. 31, 40, 14, dated March 10; consideration, $2,000.

Western av, e of Taylor st, w f, 41x100 ft, with 24x150 on Taylor st, in same block, dated June 10; consideration, $2,175.

Johnson st, near railroad, w f, Lots 1 to 7, dated Oct. 2, 1872; consideration, $13,300.

Howard st, 214 ft w of Loomis st, s f, 34x124 ft, dated Feb. 19; consideration, $900.

Abercrombie st, s e corner of Damon st, Lot 15, dated April 16, 1872; consideration, $1,500.

Twelfth st, w of, and near, Blue Island av, n f, Lots 28 and 56, dated Feb. 22; consideration, $2,800.

Walnut st, w of, and near, Thirtieth st, s f, Lot 4, dated Feb. 8; consideration, $5,300.

Butterfield st, south of, an near, Twenty-seventh st, e f, 25 ft to alley, dated March 10; consideration, $4,450.

Clayton st, bet Fisk and Morgan sts, s f, 25x100 ft, with buildings, dated March 7; consideration, $1,440.

Butterfield st, south of, an near, Twenty-seventh st, e f, 25 ft to alley, dated March 10; consideration, $1,365.

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COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 11.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	9,884	7,062	8,345	1,816
Wheat, bu	43,720	5,973	5,773	2,113
Corn, bu	97,187	49,160	14,868	11,775
Oats, bu	26,187	8,184	29,378	8,180
Rye, bu	1,844	1,040	1,165	800
Barley, bu	6,289	3,140	6,709	1,200
Grass seed, lbs	148,600	147,291	198,159	72,200
Flax seed, lbs		21,750		
Broom corn, lbs	54,700	25,270	45,592	
Timothy seed, lbs	680,550	62,700	3545,978	240,284
Meat, brls	70	65		
Pork, brls	274	640	380	260
Lard, lbs	262,080	89,880	613,900	434,878
Tallow, lbs	12,460	30,080	20,000	
Butter, lbs	45,770	41,680	19,000	5,491
Dressed hogs, No	996	639	498	896
Live hogs, No	7,843	9,374	12,273	5,190
Cattle, No	2,659	1,598	3,093	1,613
Sheep, No	259	626	963	1,355
Hides, lbs	79,300	116,228	153,736	68,660
Highwines, brls	200	440	588	110
Wool, lbs	46,200	39,196	97,000	71,702
Potatoes, bu	4,061	1,061	9	810
Lumber, M feet	656	1,965	1,578	596
Shingles, M	540	1,210	533	911
Salt, brls	300	70	740	1,398

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 5,679 bu wheat; 1,442 bu corn; 694 bu oats; 1,067 bu rye; 7,289 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 120 cars wheat; 134½ cars corn; 25 cars oats; 6½ cars rye; 26 cars barley. Total, 312 cars, or 122,000 bu.

Another car-load of wheat arrived in this city yesterday, which weighed 56 lbs to the measured bushel, except a layer of about a foot thick at the bottom, which weighed only 53 lbs per bu. The sender undoubtedly thought it would be inspected as No. 2, whereas the Inspector very properly graded it as rejected. This, and similar cases heretofore reported, show that the rogues do not all live in Chicago.

The leading produce markets were generally slow and steady to-day, with little change in the average of prices, the principal variations being an upward movement in pork and barley. The principal cause of the absence of interest in the markets, giving rise to sluggishness, was the absence of New York dispatches till a late hour, owing to some disarrangement of the wires. This made many operators timid, as they work very largely with reference to the tone of other markets. Our receipts were rather larger than usual, and our stocks in store are liberal, though the latter have not increased so much during the past week as was anticipated.

The grocery market was active, both in the staple and fancy goods departments, and former quotations were generally well sustained. Coffee was an exception, a ¼c decline being reported in all grades. The feeling in sugars was stronger, an advance having been established at the East. Pepper, also, was firmer, with a tendency to higher prices. Teas were in good demand, and for fine grades the market exhibits strength. Soaps, spices, candles, rice, etc., were steady. There was a good degree of activity in the dry goods market, and firmness again prevailed. Interior merchants were in fair attendance, and in domestic cottons, prints, dress fabrics, and shawls, the distribution was large. There was also a liberal movement in the lighter woolen cassimeres at very full prices. Butter is now coming forward with considerable freedom, and the market has an unmistakable downward tendency. Bagging was again quoted steady at 37c for Stark, 35½c for Ludlow, and at 34½c for Lewiston. Cheese met with a good inquery, and was firmer at the advance noted yesterday, or at 16½@17½c for New York factory, and at 14@16c for Western do. No change was visible in the coal market. Canned goods were selling at former quotations, though some lines are more firmly held and bid fair to undergo an early advance. This true of corn, succotash, and tomatoes. Fish were in demand at previous rates. In the dried fruit market fair activity was witnessed, and imported varieties were firmer. Figs, prunes, and raisins are working upward. Nothing new was developed in the hay, hides, leather, pig iron, and oil markets.

Building materials and lumber continue to meet with an improved demand. Lime is a trifle lower, now quoted at 90c@$1.00 per brl in bulk. There was no further change in prices. Iron and steel, metals and dinners' stock, are in tolerably fair request and firm. Nails have advanced; now quoted at $5.25 rates net. The demand is active and the market very firm. Wool is very quiet, and prices are weak and unsettled. The hop market was quiet and unchanged. There was a moderate amount of trading in timothy, and, owing to large offerings, prices were easier. Mammoth clover was in request and firm at $5.50@5.65. Other seeds were dull and weak. Turkeys and chickens were in active demand, and choice lots ruled firm. Potatoes were in better supply, and sold at 64@70c in car lots. Green fruits met with a fair local trade. Choice lemons were scarce and firm. Other fruits were in fair supply.

Dressed hogs were quiet and steady at yesterday's range. Sales were at 160 head at $5.60 per 100 lbs; 230 do at $5.50, both in good shipping order; and 50 sold at $5.25. Total, 540 head.

Highwines were dull and nominally unchanged, at 86c bid, and 86¼c per gallon asked. No sales were reported.

Lake freights were nominally unchanged, at 12½c@ for corn by sail to Buffalo, with 14c reported bid for a vessel with guarantee that the corn would arrive in good condition.

Provisions were less active, with no change in prices except on mess pork, which was 5c@10c per brl higher, but the transactions consisted almost entirely of changing over from April into May at a difference of 50c. Lard was nearly neglected, and a trifle weak. Meats were firm, and, in fair demand for large lots, with little inquiry for single car lots. Holders of meats were firm in their views, and some asked a slight advance in prices, but could not obtain it. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller March, $14.30@14.32½; do seller April, $14.37½@14.40; do seller May, $14.67½@14.70; do seller June, $14.85@15.00; prime mess, $12.50@12.75; extra prime, $10.00@10.25. Lard, cash, or seller March, $7.95@8.00; do seller April, $8.05@8.07½; do seller May, $8.22½@8.25. Sweet pickled hams quoted at 9½@10c for 20-lbs; 10¼@10½c for 18-lbs; 10¾@10¾c for 16-lbs; 11@11¼c for 14-lbs; 11¾@11¾c for 12-lbs; and 12@12½c for 10-lb averages. Dry salted meats quotable at 5c@5½c for shoulders; 6½@6¾c for long clear; 7@7½c for short ribs; and 7¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 5¾c. English meats, 7c for Cumberlands; 7¼@7¾c for short ribs; 7¾c for short clear; 11½@12c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 6½c for shoulders; 8¾c for clear ribs, 8½c for short clear, and 13@14c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $28.00@29.50. City tallow, 7¼@7¾c; grease quotable at 5½@6½c. Sales were reported of 1,500 brls mess pork seller April at $14.40; 2,500 brls do seller May at $14.70; 500 brls do at $14.85; 250 tcs lard at 8c; 100,000 lbs shoulders seller April at 5¾c; 100,000 lbs do buyer May, and 100,000 lbs do seller June at 5¾c; 100 tcs sweet pickled hams (19-lbs) at 9½c; 40,000 lbs short ribs at 7¾c; 100 boxes do at 7¾c; 250,000 lbs short clear seller April at 7¾c; 500 boxes long and short clear in equal quantities at 7¾c.

Flour was less active, at unchanged prices. There were few orders on hand, and but little direct inquiry for shipment; hence a considerable part of the buying was done by the local trade. Bran was steady. Sales were reported of 100 brls white winter extras at $9.80; 100 brls do on private terms; 200 brls spring extras (Orientals), at $7.00; 200 brls do at $6.60; 100 brls do at $6.50; 100 brls do (sacked) at $6.50; 250 brls on private terms; 150 brls superfine at $4.00; 150 brls do at $3.85. Total, 1,850 brls. Also 10 tons bran at $10.00 on track; 10 tons shorts at $11.00 on track; 10 tons at $10.50; 10 tons do at $10.00 at mill. The following were the closing quotations:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$ 8.00@10.75
Red winter extras	7.00 @ 8.50
Good to choice spring extras	6.25 @ 7.00
Low to medium	5.12½ @ 6.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	7.00 @ 8.50
Spring superfines	5.50 @ 6.00
Rye flour	4.40 @ 4.50
Bran	10.00 @10.25
Middlings	11.00 @15.00

Wheat was less active, and steady, at about the same average of prices as yesterday, though receipts were rather larger, and there were several reports of encouragement to firmness. Liverpool was reported dull, and tending lower, and it was discovered that the much-talked-of purchases of wheat in Liverpool on French account (referred to in our columns this morning), was limited to two cargoes which were bought for mailing, and the flour sold on hour afterward to be delivered in London. The wheat was practically sent to Trieste to be ground and re-shipped account. It was also stated that there is little reason to expect a Canadian demand, as Canada is well supplied, and can do better by exporting her present surplus. Then it was reported that the farmers are sowing in Iowa, and the market is generally flat about this time of the year, owing to a general disposition to get rid of grain before the 15th of April so as to avoid the loss of 2¼c per bu, which has then to be assumed by the seller of grain on which winter storage is due. The dislike to assume the responsibility of carrying, under this circumstance, is shown by the fact that current receipts sell at No. 2 spring command only ¼c premium over the rejected grades, though they are worth 1c per bu more to carry into the last half of April, and 1½c more to carry into May. Seller April opened at $1.23¾, declined to $1.23½, advanced to $1.23, again receded to $1.22¾, and improved to $1.23¾ at the close. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, sold at $1.21¾@1.22, closing at $1.21¾. Seller May sold at $1.26¾@1.27¾, closing at the outside. No. 1 spring was insotive, and nominal at $1.28@1.29. No. 3 spring was in good request for shipment, and firmer, closing at $1.10¾ bid. Rejected spring sold at 93@96c, according to locations. Cash sales were reported of 860 bu No. 2 spring (hard) at $1.22¾; 8,000 bu (part hard) at $1.22¾; 21,800 bu do at $1.22; 15,000 bu do at $1.21¾; 40,000 bu do at $1.21¾; 4,800 bu No. 3 spring at $1.10¾; 3,600 bu do at $1.10¾; 8,800 bu do at $1.10¾; 800 bu rejected spring at 95c; 9,400 bu do at 96c. Total, 106,000 bu.

Corn was much less active, though still in fair demand, and was steady yesterday's prices on all but the more deferred options, which were a shade firmer. The real damand was principally for the summer options; but, as few operators care to sell short in corn, this brought out a fair inquiry for cash lots to be carried by the men who sold to the buyers for future. The short interest for this month and next is said to be rather slowly. The quantity of corn bought in this market for delivery after the 1st of May must be very large, aggregating several millions of bushels, and it is mostly sold by parties who have the corn to deliver at maturity, either from store here, or from the cribs in the country, where it is awaiting transportation. No sign or quite all the corn now here is believed to be held in this way, which fact probably accounts for the apparent weakening in lake freights, as there is no pressure to move the grain out, except by parties who want the storage room for other grain. There are some who think that the corn will be moved largely to prevent it from getting out of condition, but this fear would have little influence with the speculative fraternity, unless the fear were so strong as to cause them to drop the deal altogether. Seller April sold at 32¾@32¾c, seller May at 38¾c, seller June at 37¾@37¾c, seller July at 39c, and seller August at 40c—all closing with firm holders at the outside prices of the session. Regular No. 2, or seller the month, sold at 32¾@32¾c, and receipts dated since the 6th inst. at 33¾@33¾c. Cash sales were reported of 13,600 bu No. 2 at 32¾c; 10,000 bu do at 32 7-16c; 45,000 bu do at 32½c; 3,600 bu rejected at 29c; 6,400 bu do at 29¾c; 3,400 bu shelled at 32¼c, on track. Total, 151,800 bu.

Oats were less active, and irregular. Cash lots, and the near options, were not much wanted, and ruled dull and steady at yesterday's quotations, owing to the general indisposition to lose by carrying into the last half of April, as noted in the case of wheat. The more deferred options were strong, and a shade higher. Regular No. 2 was quoted at 26¾c; seller April sold at 27c; seller May at 30@30¾c; and seller June at 31¼@31¾c. Current receipts brought 26¾@27c. Cash sales were reported of 3,000 bu No. 2 at 27c; 3,400 bu do at 26¾c; 4,200 bu do (part fresh) at 26½c; 1,800 bu do at 26¼c; 1,200 bu rejected at 25¾c. Total, 13,800 bu.

Rye was firm and quiet at the improvement noted at the close of last week. Sales were limited to 1,600 bu No. 2 at 66c. Seller April was nominal at 67@67½c.

Barley was less active and irregular. There was a fair inquiry for current receipts of No. 2, which sold at 72½@73¾c, according to location. All else was dull at the inside quotations of yesterday. Seller the month was almost nominal at 70½c, and seller April at 71c. No. 3 was slow at 56@58c in North Side houses. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2 at 73¾c; 1,600 bu do (Central) at 73c; 800 bu do (N. S.) at 72½c; 1,600 bu No. 3 (Central) at 62c; 1,200 bu do at 58c; 800 bu do at 57½c; 1,600 bu do 57c; 400 bu do at 56¾c; 400 bu do (N. S.) at 56c; 4,800 bu rejected at 42c; 400 bu do at 40c; 400 bu by sample at 90c; 400 bu do at 85c; 400 bu do at 58c; all on track. Total, 15,200 bu.

The following is the official report of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and at corresponding dates:

	March 8, 1873.	March 1, 1873.	March 9, 1872.
No. 1 amber			1,230
No. 2 amber	317	317	
No. 1 red	392	342	200
No. 2 red			1,850
No. 3 winter			4,600
No. 1 spring	7,919	7,941	26,314
No. 2 spring	1,640,822	1,581,687	1,408,099
No. 3 spring	538,670	512,041	69,405
No. 1 hard spring	2,333	2,045	7,475
No. 2 hard spring	34,804	20,673	26,908
Rejected spring	76,497	67,784	36,305
No grade spring	36	39	1,269
Total	2,302,687	3,192,274	1,586,438
CORN.			
Yellow	48,390	46,175	43,182
No. 1	148,427	126,986	77,017
No. 2	5,102,173	4,860,689	5,068,436
Rejected	441,677	413,688	117,609
No 2 kiln dried	5,633		
Kiln dried			
No grade	361	361	1,839
New No. 2			
Total	5,744,561	5,450,422	5,307,733
OATS.			
No. 1	2,617	2,617	6,316
No. 2	1,544,512	1,486,840	1,017,003
Rejected	62,120	97,757	73,311
No grade	843	543	1,116
Total	1,609,792	1,587,766	1,097,740
RYE.			
No. 1	5,936	6,316	58,003
No. 2	292,779	292,480	234,578
Rejected	2,585	2,903	7,544
Total	300,299	301,702	297,126
BARLEY.			
No. 2	230,847	278,547	449,656
No. 3	73,149	86,920	68,791
Rejected	35,952	42,658	7

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY H. F. ELDRED & CO., REAL ESTATE and House Renting Agency, 155 Monroe-st.: Vacant Houses, between Throop and Loomis, 2-story and basement brick houses; 3 doors from Van Buren-st., 8-room house, with all modern improvements; lot 80x125. Prairie-av., near Thirty-fifth-st., 2-story and basement brick house; all modern improvements; lot 80x125. Prairie-av., near Thirty-fifth-st., cottage, house of 8 rooms and lot, 30x125. Prairie-av., between Washington and Randolph-sts., 2-story and basement brick house, and lot. Wilcox-st., north of Taylor-st., 2-story frame house and lot 24x60; cheap, for small house and lot south part of city as part payment. State-st., between Twelfth-st. and Harmon-court, two 2-story frame houses and lot 80x165. UNIMPROVED. Central Park, 19 acres north of Barry Point road, of E. ½ of S. E. ¼ of Section 18, 39, 13. A choice piece at a bargain. Forty-second-st., 25 lots that can be bought at a low price. Indiana-av. and Seventy-sixth-st., east front, 100x125. Archer-av., west of Twenty-third-st., 50 feet, runs through to Twenty-third-st. Robey-st. and Forest-av., 2 lots. Chicago-av. and Twenty-fourth-st., 2 lots. Robey-st. and Erie, 2 lots. Lawndale, 20 lots on Millard and Central Park, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth-sts. Fremont-st., between Centre and Clay-sts., 4 lots, each 25 feet. Wabash-av., 44 feet in the west part of Ellis' Addition to Chicago. Lawndale, 20 lots on Millard and Central Park, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth-sts. Division-st., west of Halsted-st., 73x125; cheap. Fremont-st., between Centre and Clay-sts., 4 lots, each 25 feet. Wabash-av., 44 feet in the west part of Ellis' Addition to Chicago. Lexington, 20 lots on Millard and Central Park, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth-sts. Division-st., west of Halsted-st., 73x125; cheap. Fremont-st., between Centre and Clay-sts., 4 lots, each 25 feet.

FOR SALE—BY H. F. COY & CO., 102 WASHINGTON-st.:

HOUSES.

Indiana-av., near Forty-second-st., $20, $2,300. Calumet and Twenty-third-sts., stone front, $16,500; easy payments. Prairie-av., near Thirty-first-st., brick house, $10,000. Prairie-av., No. 1, near Thirty-first-st., $7,500, one-half cash, balance at end of three years. Wabash-av., 14th, $13,500, easy payments. Wabash-av., 13th, $13,000.

LOTS.

On Wabash and Michigan-aves., near Twenty-sixth-st., in size to suit purchasers, and to parties who will build no houses no payment in hand required.

FARMS.

12 acres corner Eighty-third and State-sts., $11,000. 5 acres on Barry Point road, in Sec. 15, 39, 13, $6,000 per acre. 10 acres on Twelfth-st., in Sec. 17, 39, 13, at $1,000 per acre. 10 acres in northeast ¼ of 11, 39, 13, at $800 per acre.

WM. GARNETT & CO., 25 City Block.

FOR SALE—BY H. J. ARNOLD, NO. 14 SOUTH Clark-st.:

5 acres in Sec. 16, 38, 13, in Rosedale, Archer Road. 5 acres in Sec. 33, 39, 13, Kruger's Subdivision. 5 acres in Sec. 35, 39, 13, Kruger's Subdivision. 5 acres in Sec. 35, 39, 13, river front. Some good bargains in acre property. Three lots on Prairie-av., between Thirty-first-st., artesian and Thirty-second-sts., between Kinzie and Indiana-sts. House and lot on Hubbard-st., near Western-av., on easy terms. House and lot on Fremont-st., near Centre. House and lot on Fremont-st., near Centre. Lots on Lawndale, with lake water.

FOR SALE—HOUSES ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS: BURNSIDE-ST., $1,850. EIGHTY-EIGHTH-ST., $2,600. TWENTY-SECOND-ST., $3,000. Prairie-av., near Thirty-first-st., 2-story and basement brick house; all modern improvements; lot 80x125. Prairie-av., near Thirty-first-st., 2-story and basement brick house; all modern improvements; lot 80x125. Prairie-av., near Thirty-first-st., cottage, house of 8 rooms and lot, 30x125. Prairie-av., between Washington and Randolph-sts., 2-story and basement brick house, and lot. Wilcox-st., north of Taylor-st., 2-story frame house and lot 24x60; cheap, for small house and lot south part of city as part payment. State-st., between Twelfth-st. and Harmon-court, two 2-story frame houses and lot 80x165.

UNIMPROVED.

Central Park, 19 acres north of Barry Point road, of E. ½ of S. E. ¼ of Section 18, 39, 13. A choice piece at a bargain. Forty-second-st., 25 lots that can be bought at a low price. Indiana-av. and Seventy-sixth-st., east front, 100x125. Archer-av., west of Twenty-third-st., 50 feet, runs through to Twenty-third-st. Robey-st. and Forest-av., 2 lots. Chicago-av. and Twenty-fourth-st., 2 lots. Lawndale, 20 lots on Millard and Central Park, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth-sts. Division-st., west of Halsted-st., 73x125; cheap. Fremont-st., between Centre and Clay-sts., 4 lots, each 25 feet.

FOR SALE—BY MASON & MILLS, REAL ESTATE Dealers, southeast corner of Clark and Madison-sts.: Vincennes-av. and Thirty-seventh-st., 5 houses, cheap. Twenty-fifth-st., near South Park-av., 8 brick-front houses, on easy terms. Park-av., near Thirty-second-st., cottage and lot, $600. Evans-av., near Forty-second, cottage and lot, $500 down. Shurtleff-av., near Thirty-first-st., house and lot. Monroe-st., at Jefferson Park, brick house. Adams-st., corner of Hoyne, 2 brown stone houses; very convenient, cheap, and on monthly payments. Monroe-st., two new 10-room houses, all modern improvements; good barn; only $1,600 each. Ashland-av. and Mansard roof; 8 rooms, large lot, good barn. Hoyne-st., near Washington, house and lot. Elizabeth-st., cottage and lot, only $1,800. Harrison-st., near Halsted, 2 houses and lot, for $4,000; renting for $1,000. West Madison-st., a corner, 3 stores; cheap. Humboldt Boulevard, a few desirable pieces of acre property for investment. The Park Commissioners are now planting large trees on the line of this property. Englewood, 2-acre, ½-acre, and ¼-acre lots at wholesale prices.

FOR SALE—BY H. F. COY & CO., 102 WASHINGton-st.:

Washington-st., near Lincoln, 2-story and basement brick, $9,800. Warren-av., near Leavitt-st., 30 foot lot, good barn; $3,500. Cottage and lot near Ashland-av. and Van Buren-st.; easy terms; $3,000. Cottage and lot 3 blocks from Union Park, $4,000; $1,000 cash.

UNIMPROVED.

Prairie-av., near Forty-fifth-st., 80x120. Indiana-av., near Forty-fifth-st., 80x120. Wentworth-av. and Thirty-ninth-st., $250 per lot. Monroe-st., near Lincoln, 24 by 60 feet; at a bargain. 25 or 50 feet fronting Wicker Park, $60 per foot. Lots on Madison-st., fronting Central Park, at a low figure.

FOR SALE—GOOD LOTS, ON THE FOLLOWING streets: State, Burnside, Butterfield, Arnold, Garibaldi, Hanover, Butler, Wallace, Summer, Winter, Murray, and Halsted; also on Wentworth, Shandon, Portland and Stewart-av.; also on Alexander, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Napoleon, Twenty-ninth, Marl, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Annaline, and Thirty-eighth-sts. Title perfect. Warranty deeds. Terms easy. Only 2 years' time, 6 per cent interest. No Agency business. Apply to owner, ALBERT CRANE, 87½ Clark-st.

FOR SALE—BY GOODRIDGE & STOKES, 220 WEST Madison-st., a nice cottage corner Van Buren and Green-st., with or without lease of ground; immediate possession.

50 feet on Peoria-st., near Tyler, $100 per foot; a bargain.

FOR SALE—BEAUTIFUL LOTS ON EGAN-AV. (Thirty-ninth-st.), and on Oakwood boulevard (between South Park boulevard and Vincennes-av.), at low prices and on exceedingly easy terms. This choice property lies adjoining and just outside of the city and free limits. The location is unsurpassed. For investment and improvement, it is most desirable; title unquestionable. Those intending to build this spring are respectfully requested to look at this property. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—BUSINESS LOTS ON LAKE, CLARK, State, and Halsted-sts., and Hinman-av., Evanston. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—CASE-ST., 80x125 FEET, SOUTHWEST corner Cass and White-sts.; water, gas, and sewerage on lot. F. J. WEIDINGER & CO., Real Estate Agents, Room 51, Metropolitan Block, northwest corner Randolph and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—NO. 172 WEST JACKSON-ST., 18 rooms, suitable for boarding-house; must be sold. Who will make an offer? $7,000 less than cost. Apply to G. S. THOMAS, 169 LaSalle-st., Room 16, first floor.

FOR SALE—80 BUILDING LOTS, FRONTING ON Reuben, Freeman, Homer, and Paulina-sts., near Archer-av., cheap. Apply to FOLLERT & WEIDINGER & CO., Real Estate Agents, Room 51, Metropolitan Block, northwest corner Randolph and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—BY T. B. BOYD, 180 WEST WASHington-st.; $100 per foot, 76x178 feet, on Wabash-av., between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth-sts.; cheap. $5,500, splendid 11-room dwelling, 771 West Van Buren-st., 2-story, brick; south front; 70x165. 4-acre block on South Park-av; near Driving Park. 2 cottages on Corner House, $8,000, 2-story stone front, lot 22x164, on Colfax-st., between Western-av. and Robey-st. 2 new houses, 10 rooms, 10 year's lease; house completely furnished; will exchange for lots. Good boarding house on Peoria, near Washington.

FOR SALE—OR RENT—HOUSE AND LOT NO. 178 Walnut-st., between Lincoln and Robey-sts.; lot 25 feet front. LEVI WING & CO., 178 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—VERY CHEAP—ON WABASH-AV., 1 new 7-room cottage and lot, only $1,800; 1 new 8-room front, 14-room rear, with all convenience, immediate possession, $4,800. H. B. CHANDLER, Room 5 Honore Block, corner Dearborn and Monroe-sts.

FOR SALE—A PLEASANT HOME ON SOUTH Park-av., between Harrison and Polk-sts.; 2-story and basement brick; 10 rooms; all modern improvements. Lot 22x132, 100 $7,500, terms easy. EDWIN A. RICE & CO., 144 Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—CHOICE BUSINESS PROPERTY ON West Madison-st., store 22 feet front by 100 feet deep, 4,000 stores, 2-story and lot, near Morgan, $13,750 (a bargain). Store 2-story brick, carpenter, $15,000. KEVIN, RICE & CO., 147 Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS IN BLOCK, CORNER THIRTYninth and Wentworth-av.; cheap; long time; no down if bought immediately. JOHN Y. STARR, 66 West Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—NO. 320 FULTON-ST., NEW 2-STORY and basement brick; 10 rooms; all modern improvements. Apply to Randolph-st., corner of Morgan, water and gas. Terms to suit. Inquire of owner, 225 Fulton-st. AUSTIN.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL FINE RESIDENCES ON South Side suburbs. Prices $5,000 to $30,000. BARKER & WAITE, 140 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—AN OFFER TO-MORROW FOR LOT 100x175 feet on Walnut-st., corner of Vernon-av., east front. Also, for a lot 25x125 on Warren-av., just west of Western-av. Must be sold this week. Inquire M. C. BALDWIN, 159 LaSalle-st., Room 24.

FOR SALE—BRICK HOUSE, NEAR THIRTY-second-st., 10 rooms, hot and cold water on every floor, water closets, gas fixtures, furnace, marble mantels, gas, new Brussels carpets; 5 real nice rooms and very cheap; must be sold; 14 will pay to investigate. C. WHITNEY, 148 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—A FINE THREE-STORY BUILDing, two stores and two dwellings above, with lot, on Wells-st., near Madison-st. Price, $30,500, ¼ cash, balance 3 years. See OWNER, 107 Wells-st.

FOR SALE—BY HAM & MOULTON, 13 METHodist Church Block, Taylor-st., house 16 rooms, 2 lots, $6,700; house 6 rooms, 2 lots, $1,800. Adams-st., house 9 rooms, $2,600. Park, house 10 rooms, 2 lots, $4,500. Noble-st., house 6 rooms, $1,600. Monroe-st., house 10 rooms, 2 lots, $6,000. Wells-st., house 4 rooms, 2 lots, large lot, $1,800. Monroe-st., house 8 rooms, 2 lots, lake view, $5,000. Lawndale, house 7 rooms, 2 lots, lake view, $2,000.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, A DESIRABLE FRONT HOUSE ON Wabash-av., near Thirty-fifth-st. 14 rooms, good brick barn. A. C. OLDS, Room 16, 125 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAPEST, WITH BUILDING, lot on West Randolph-st., between Green and Halsted. J. R. HUMPHREVILLE, Dearborn-st., Room 6.

FOR SALE—2-STORY BASEMENT ELEGANT stone front, with cellar, etc., on the avenue; only $13,000; a bargain. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT AT FAIR PRICE; cottage and lot for $3,000, Jackson-st., near Campbell-av. CYRUS BENTON & CO., Room 36, 122 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—ON ARCHER-AV., NEAR HICKORY-st., this perfect. H. COLMELL, 102 East Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS IN THE OLD CITY limits, $400 and $500 each. Lots near Lincoln Park, $40 front foot. Lots on Metropolitan Block. FOR SALE—GOOD COTTAGE AND LOT ON WEST Side, $1,600; a bargain. NORTON CULVER, Room 4, Metropolitan Block.

FOR SALE—19-ROOM HOUSE AND BARN ON THE Drexel Boulevard, Lake-av., very cheap. AYRES & EOFF, Methodist Block.

FOR SALE—BRICK HOUSE, 644 WASHINGTON-st., 12 rooms, laundry, cold water, barn, gas fixtures, and furnace; furniture for sale; also, 8-room cottage, Park-av., 1 lot 25x132 feet. Apply on premises. Wood-st., house 10 rooms, 2 lots, $2,000. Improvements; 202 Park-av., house 10 rooms, 2 lots, $2,000. Improvements; 202 LEONARD, 132 LaSalle-st. feet. Inquire of D.

FOR SALE—20 ACRES ON HARRISON-ST., IN Section 17, 39, 13, $675; easy. AYRES & EOFF, Methodist Church Block.

FOR SALE—SOME CHOICE CITY PROPERTY AND property at bargains; easy terms. JOSEPH H. BISSELL, 45 Bryan Block.

FOR SALE—120x132 FEET, ON HARRISON-ST. and Centre-av., $2,000. J. MATTESON, 20 LaSalle-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR FRUIT AND vegetable farm one mile and quarter from Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., with good brick cottage house; will assume reasonable mortgage if necessary. A. J. GALLOWAY, 147 State and Madison-sts. city property in southwest corner

FOR SALE—EIGHT CHOICE IMPROVED and unimproved, near Lake, Cook County, Ill., also the finest farm in Dowagiac, Cass County, Mich., also the finest farms in Brookfield, Linn County, Mo., joins the city limits of the thriving town of Gilman. THOS. A. & M. HILL, 461 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE FOR $6,000 OR $8,000 of 10s, and one of 20 acres, for deed, all good cultivation; the last with stock and implements. J. W. HEDENBERG, 148 South Clark-st.

FOUND.

FOUND—A BAY HORSE, WHITE MANE AND HAIR, nose; wagon of light build, and the shape of an express wagon; horse recently shod, medium size, in good condition. Owner will have same by paying charges and proving property. Call at 24 Centre-av., corner of Kinzie, West Side.

FOUND—DOG—VERY LARGE GREY-hound dog. The owner can have the same by giving description and proving ownership, and paying for this advertisement. Address P 76, Tribune office.

MACHINERY.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—NEW AND SECOND-HAND tubular boilers, portable and stationary engines. Apply at Chicago Steam Engine Co., 45 Canal-st.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—CHOICE ACRE PROPERTY, SOUTH of city limits. 10 acres adjoining Beck's Park, at Englewood. 4 acres east of Halsted-st., north of Sixtieth. 4 acres northeast corner Indiana-av. and Forty-seventh. 5 acres northeast corner Vincennes-av. and Forty-third-st. 40 acres corner Reuben-st. and Fifty-fifth-st. boulevard. 80 acres near the lake, fronting on lower South Park. 13 acres southwest corner State and Forty-seventh-sts. 9 acres northwest corner South Park boulevard and Fiftieth-st. Than the above, there is no property I know of more desirable for investment, or so certain to return a sure and large profit to its purchaser, at the prices at which it is now offered. No one need feel in the least degree timid in buying such property. In the nature of things, and according to the regular laws of supply and demand, it must advance, rapidly and steadily in value. Five years hence the present prices will be looked back to as small and insignificant. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—AT OAK PARK—I WILL SELL my first-class residence, to contain 12 rooms, finely arranged, with closets, &c., now building at Oak Park. Any person wishing to purchase a convenient suburban home will find an unusual opportunity at 56 LaSalle-st. Office hours, 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. M. C. NILES.

FOR SALE—NEW HOUSES AT NORTH EVANSton, on monthly payments; the houses are two-story frames, with brick basements; the lots are 50x150 feet, with good walks and plenty of trees; price of house and lot, $3,500, and monthly payments $35. Houses ready for immediate occupancy. JOHN CULVER, 125 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS AT EVANSton; I will sell 18 lots in my new subdivision in Evanston for $200 each; lots are 50 feet front by 150 feet deep; are 5 blocks from the North Evanston depot, 10 minutes from the railroad. Come and see them. ROBERT COMSTOCK, 154 LaSalle-st., room 4.

FOR SALE—CHOICE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS property, by owner; 350 feet fronting north on Tracy-av., only a short distance from the railroad crossing. Also, 5 acres on the north side of Monroe-st., Also, 2 acres on Tracy-av., it being described as Block 79 of Morgan-av. Addition to Washington Heights. A. A. HIRT, Room 19, Major Block.

FOR SALE—BY WILSON & MONTGOMERY, ROOM 20, Otis Block, corner Madison and LaSalle-st., 700 acres at Washington Heights, in tracts from 5 to 160 acres, or by the foot; cheap and on easy terms.

FOR SALE—IN WINNETKA—A HOUSE AND LOT for $2,500, another for $2,200, another for $5,000, another for $8,000. Also, lots and acres. Winnetka Land Association, 120 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—LOT IN EVANSTON, 100x200 FEET, beautifully located on Ridge-st., east front, Hinsdale. Several of the most desirable lots in Hinsdale, with beautiful grove; about three blocks from depot; lots of half acre to three acres to suit. Inquire of owner, F. H. WELLS, Tribune Building.

FOR SALE—STATE-ST., 10 ACRES FRONTING ON State-st., between Forty-second and Forty-third-sts.; 100 per cent can be made by subdividing into lots. F. J. WEIDINGER & CO., Real Estate Agents, Room 51, Metropolitan Block, northwest corner Randolph and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—20 ACRES ON LINCOLN-AV., JUST in the west limits of Lincoln; a good chance for subdivision. AYRES & EOFF, Methodist Church Block.

FOR SALE—5 OR 10 ACRES ADJOINING HAWthorne; easy terms. AYRES & EOFF, Methodist Church Block.

FOR SALE—20 ACRES AT SOUTH ENGLEWOOD, within two blocks of the depot, fronting the proposed Eighty-seventh-st. boulevard, and adjoining the property on which Mr. Greenleaf's new house is erected. It is already subdivided into building lots, and will be sold at a price which will allow 100 per cent profit in a very few months. Look again at retail. THOS. A. & M. HILL, 461 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—FOR CITY PROPerty, 2 or 3 acres, three-fourths of a mile from Normal School, with house; well improved, and all kinds of fruit trees; Blue Island dummy passes the premises ten times a day. Apply to F. J. DUNN, on the premises, Sheridan-av.

FOR SALE—ACRE PROPERTY AT $1,500 PER acre, near the crossing of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago & Pacific Railroads; also, good farm lands near the city. WM. PRICE, No. 132 Madison-st., Room 5.

FOR SALE—10-ACRE TRACT IN SECTION 9, NEAR the Northwestern Railroad Company's works. Inquire at Room 35, No. 125 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—$25 PER ACRE IF TAKEN THIS week. Sections 35, 36, 31, 32, 29, 30. BOYD, 180 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—FIVE ACRE BLOCKS AT SOUTH Englewood. Easy terms. W. O. COLE, Methodist Church Block.

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RAILROAD CHARGES.

The Railroad Men Have a Hearing Before the Legislative Committees.

The Illinois Central and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Represented.

Speeches by Col. Robert Harris and President Newell.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, March 11.—A joint meeting of the Senate and House Railroad Committees was held this evening in the Senate Chamber, the object being to hear the views of railroad officials. John Newell, President, and L. Tilton, a Director of the Illinois Central, and Robert Harris, General Superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, were in attendance. The chamber was full of spectators and Representatives. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hildreth, Chairman of the House Committee, who called Senator Donahue to the chair. The latter stated the object of the meeting, and invited the railroad gentlemen to speak. Mr. Harris spoke as follows:

There are two or three simple thoughts that I would like to present to the Committee that may, perhaps, throw light upon this very much vexed and confused question. Twenty-five years ago I was connected with railroads, and twenty years ago I was connected with the Galena Road. I have always said that I was willing to listen to any one who would devise a regular tariff; that there were many doubts about it, and perhaps many things that I did not understand, and many difficulties in the way. I said I would submit to a committee of one from each station on the line a blank piece of paper, and accept any tariff they would agree upon and present for adoption, provided that the net result of the tariff should be that the property of the Company should have a reasonable return. I suppose I have made that proposition a thousand times since I was connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, now some ten years. No one has ever taken it up. Now, the first idea that strikes me is this: Something must be agreed upon. The papers of this State, more particularly our Chicago papers, for the last three months have devoted themselves to nothing else than Credit Mobilier and the railroads of the State of Illinois, and I have read with care every article that has appeared, trying to see if I could not find something new in them, and learn something from them, but I have not been able to learn anything yet. Now, the Commissioners have reported in their annual report that the average cash cost of the railroads in this State ought to be only about 2½ cents per mile. The Times, in an article commenting on that, very justly said that that simple statement of fact would mislead the public, inasmuch as no railroad could be constructed at an actual cash cost. In the first place, there is a share that is almost obliged to be made in order to get money at all, No 8 can be sent to-day, and can be sold at par. I do not know of any bonds being sold at more than 80 or 85 cents. In the next place, the rapid prosecution of the road to build it in a year causes a year's interest to be added to that. Coming down from Chicago to-day, I came on the railroad from Galena, which perhaps could be built for $26,000 a mile, but a railroad like the Chicago & Alton, the Northwestern, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, I am bold to say could not be built for anything like that amount. Nobody could build a road like the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Road for less than $45,000, and if any one wants to do so he need not spend his profits until he gets there. We have a depôt in Chicago costing $1,000,000, side tracks at every five miles, at Aurora and Galesburg we have extensive works. We have a double track for a great number of miles, 5,000 freight cars, and 216 engines. It cannot be created to-day at less than $45,000 a mile. That is shown by the condition of its bonds and stocks. That is the fundamental question, because the question of a reasonable return depends upon the amount of capital invested. Starting with that, we have sixty-five cents, or two-thirds, on every dollar on the trunk lines—the lines that are identifying with the greatness and magnificence that we have seen growing up in twenty years, surpassing anything that we had read as children in the Arabian Nights. Sixty-five cents of every dollar is expended in getting the dollar. Now there remains one-third that is applicable, first to the payment of interest on the bonds, and secondly to dividends on the stock. It would strike, that after paying that sixty-five cents to get the dollar, and one-third to pay the interest on the bond, if the railroads reduced their fares one-sixth on an average, their stockholders would not have one penny left. Now, suppose it did not pay them. It would eat up every particle of the commercial value of the road. That brings us straight to the question. Whether or not this burden is spread as evenly as circumstances will admit? I think the proposition that there should be a reduction of one-sixth from the average tariff of the road would wipe out all the dividends on the stock, and render the stock worth nothing. The fact is there is no extortion, when we look at it in a commercial view. The next question, therefore, would be upon the question of discrimination—is it just or unjust? The fact of discrimination, we grant, is by reason of the complicated system that prevails in this State, and is in some respects peculiar to this State. In the first place, it has the Mississippi to contend with seven months in the year. When you consider the network of railroads and the fact that we have the Mississippi on the west and Indiana on the East, you will readily see why nobody has taken up my offer, viz., to give me a tariff that I could adhere to.

The question is whether discrimination can possibly be avoided. Whether it is not forced upon us by the laws of commerce. Now, before the east and the West roads were furnished, we heard no complaints as to this matter of discrimination. Perhaps I might be answered, that is because prices were high, margins large, and the discriminations were not noticed. But the fact is it did not exist. When the northerly and southerly roads were alone these discriminations did not exist. I feel sure that if the matter was discussed candidly and fairly before the people of the State, the whole of the excitement with reference to this question would subside. On the question of discrimination between individuals, the Supreme Court has given their judgment that one person is not entitled to any privileges over another as to localities. Discrimination is forced upon roads oftentimes under such circumstances as to make it better for the other customers of the road that such discrimination should be made. The enforcement of the legislation that has been on the statute-books for the past year would bankrupt any road in the State in a few months. It was an *ex-post facto* law. It said that the lowest tariff in force on any day of the preceding year should be the measure of all the tariffs for the next year. Now, the Toledo & Wabash Road, in competition with the Burlington & Quincy upon a certain day, could have sent any business over their line at less than cost price. That law forces them to carry all business from all points for the subsequent year at rates that would be less than cost price.

We have been challenged with disobeying the law of the State. We claim that there is nobody in the State that would be more careful to obey the law than the railroad officers of the State. It is partly owing to their care to enforce order and decorum that ladies or children can travel alone from Bangor to San Francisco without fear of molestation. The law as it now stands on the statute books contravenes our very Constitution. Its observance would be the same as the surrender of the property. We are asked, why don't you reduce the fare from three and a half to three cents. There goes your sixth, and with it all the profits applicable to dividends. The Chicago, Danville & Vincennes, the Illinois Central, the Chicago & Alton, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads are the four roads most affected, and some of them will be most disastrously affected if this legislation should be enforced. The Chicago & Rock Island and the Northwestern, as far as they go directly west from Chicago, are not influenced by the policy so much as the four roads I have named. On the Burlington, we have the Peoria & Rock Island crossing us at Galva; Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw at Bushnell. At Quincy we come in competition with the Toledo, Wabash & Western Road. Now, either one of the three roads can force us to either render our business at the junction points, or business equally low, we would make no profit at all. These roads can so arrange their rates that in conjunction with the Indiana roads they would accomplish this result. What would be the consequence of that? Why, the business that we would otherwise do at some profit would be taken away, as it is not clear that we would have to charge business that remained to us something more than we otherwise could do it at. To further illustrate this point, I will mention that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Road has leased the Burlington & Missouri, and thereby seeks to divert the business gathering on 400 miles of Iowa roads through this State to Chicago. Is it not clear that St. Louis and New Orleans, being ready to do its utmost to draw off all the business down the river, if we are obliged to do all local Illinois business at the same low rates we had better let the Iowa business go to St. Louis. Whereas, if we can bring it over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy at the same profit (and I would mention that that business is one-third of all of our business) it is very clear we can do the business of Illinois cheaper than if the whole of the Iowa business was taken from us at the Mississippi River. This is one grand reason for the practical necessity of discrimination. So with Galva. The Peoria & Rock Island Road may, in combination with the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western, set its rate at Galva at the lowest practical compensation prices. If we are compelled to do all business at an equally low rate, we had better surrender the Galva business. We never undertake to do business without some profit. Whatever profit we make goes to reduce the profit that we get out of the business which must be contributed to the road.

Now, there are the reasons why the tariffs at junction points with railroads that are not wholly within the State of Illinois, and under its control, absolutely force the business to be done at the low figure mentioned, and it had better be done at that low figure, commercially speaking, because if we do not do it at that, we cannot do it at all. Toledo seeks to draw off the business to the East. Chicago has the advantage of the lake, and the more business that can be brought into Chicago from the junction points, the cheaper we can do the business from the points that are not junction points. At Bloomington there is a road running directly to Toledo. The legislation of this State should be framed so that the Chicago & Alton and Illinois Central could be forced out of Bloomington. I fancy no one thinks that rates of the Wabash Road would be kept as they are. I am inclined to think they would go up. I cannot conceive of any way in which we could avoid recognizing the fact that Indiana is on our eastern border, and that the State of Illinois must bear that in mind in undertaking to establish a uniform tariff. If it it can be done, for one I should be very glad to have the way pointed out to me. If the Railroad Commissioners would show some way in which we can avoid these discriminations they would relieve my labors nine-tenths.

Mr. Newell was introduced. He spoke as follows:

I came to Springfield to-day for the purpose of meeting the Committee informally, and to reply to such interrogations as they might see fit to put, in reference to the question of charges on our line, and the discriminations which are said to exist, and which do exist, perhaps, to a very considerable extent. About 600 of the 704 miles of the Illinois Central Railroad is cut by east and west lines connecting with the seaboard through Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Mr. Harris has stated very fully the causes of discrimination at the competing points. I have only to add to his remarks that, on one division of our line, we have seven or eight, and on the other nine of these competing lines, which divide the line into sections of fifteen to thirty miles, and compel us, in order to control the Chicago business, to make the same rates via Chicago as are made directly by these competing lines. These rates are such, during most of the year, that very little profit is made on the business, and, consequently, at the commencing points, our rates seem somewhat exorbitantly high. These rates produced a net revenue in the last year of 33 per cent upon the whole business. That amounted to $2,100,000 or $2,900,000, or an income of 8 per cent upon the capital stock of the Company. The application of the rule of the law of 1871 would reduce our gross receipts 20 per cent, and the net to about 20 per cent, it leaves to the shareholders of the Company an exceedingly small return for the capital invested. The cost of the road has been nearly $50,000 a mile in money actually expended. The reduction of tariff which would be required to meet the law of 1871 would, as I have stated, entirely destroy the net revenue of the road to the stockholders. That being the case, the Railroad Company is unable, in making any reasonable returns on capital, to conform to the law of 1871. The question now before us is one of compelling the railroads to cease discrimination, and make the rates uniform, and it comes to this, whether we shall make a uniform rate, which shall, perhaps, be higher than they exist at the present time at intermediate stations, for the reason that we would be unable to transact business at competing points. That being the case, we felt desirous of having an interview with the Committee, for the purpose of pointing out the different tariffs on the different lines, and the amount we are obliged to charge in order to do any business on our lines. The reduction asked would be such as to entirely destroy our revenue. Perhaps these matters can only be fully explained in a more informal manner, and I will say in general way as far as the principles governing the matter are concerned, I shall be prepared to reply to any questions of the Committee, or meet the Committee at any time to explain in detail the effects of a non-discriminating tariff.

Mr. Harris again came forward and said: There are are two points I would like to mention. The fourth annual report of the Commission of Massachusetts contains a very clear explanation of what has been practically worked out. Mr. Adams, the Chairman of the Commission, has been a member of the Commission during its whole existence, and has worked most diligently upon the problem presented, as is universally admitted, and though the railroad territory of Massachusetts is much smaller than Illinois, and more homogeneous, he states in an argument that it is clear and cogent, that he could not solve the difficulty, and that is the only result he could come to after the most diligent investigation and earnest work in endeavoring to make a bill to embody the whole subject. Railroads are like other business. There is no regular rule by which a tariff can be framed. I never discovered any exact principle by which a freight tariff is constructed. Nobody pretends that the way it is done is perfect, by any means; but it is up to the full wisdom we have yet learned, and if the legislation which is finally established shall be made of an inflexible character the difficulty will be far greater than at present.

Mr. T. J. Carter, formerly President of the Great Western, of Illinois, said he was not connected with any railroad in the State at present, though he had been at a former period. He had suggested to the members who presented the constitutional provision to him before it was adopted, that it would be difficult to frame laws under it. Under the classification sot the joint receipts from passengers and freight are made the basis of passenger-rates. This was unfair to a passenger-road, which had to increase the freight-rates to compensate for the low passenger-rates. That was an unjust discrimination. The freight question was very important. Railroad business was very much like other business, and managers endeavored to conform the rates to the circumstances of their roads. They could not contract by any legislation. The roads beyond the State, and all they could do was to unfair or reduce the rates from the interior to the border of the State. If the roads did not keep their through rates within certain limits, they would lose their Eastern connections. There were only four roads in the State, out of forty or fifty lines, paying dividends on their stock. The others barely paid interest and expenses. There was an emergency this year, which should induce railroad men to offer facilities to farmers to ship their products. The same state of affairs occurred only four times in twenty years. There was an unusually large crop and a small foreign demand. The rate for corn from Illinois to New York was 15 cents and 4 mills per ton per mile. The usual rate for coal, 7 cents per ton per mile. Corn required more care in handling, and at these rates railroads were not paying. If the rates were reduced 10 cents per bushel to New York, England would get corn 10 cents a bushel less, but the railroads would carry it a loss. Capital was invested under circumstances that enticed capital, and many roads never paid any interest on the capital. They wanted more capital in the State, but New York refused to invest capital where it stood in danger from legislation. So a friend told him who was East trying to raise money to finish a road. What-ever legislation was done should be done with extreme care, and in consultation with practical men, or the remedy would be worse than the evil. Mr. Hite asked Mr. Carter why, if railroads carried grain for one cent and four mills per ton per mile, they did not carry it for five cents a bushel, which would be the same thing.

Mr. Carter said he meant through rates to New York.

Mr. Harris said everything used in the West—coffee, sugar, clothing, &c., had to be transported from the East, but they sent the goods in cars sent from the West, that would otherwise come back empty. Empty cars left Chicago because there was nothing to send back in them, and allowance had to be made for handling those cars.

Mr. Harris, in reply to various interrogatories, said that, relatively to the value of money, the roads were all doing business less than ever before. The expenses of the Burlington Road were 65 per cent of its gross receipts, higher than ever before. The prosperity of this road had not equaled the prosperity of the country it run through. The true science of transportation was to charge higher on valuable articles so as to reduce the charges on bulky articles. In the main the tariff on the roads in the States was never so low as to-day. He did not know that a road charged its own freight against itself. No road in the State earned more than 10 per cent. The Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis was able to borrow $9,000,000 in Germany, possibly because of representations made there that it ran through the same country as the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and thus the prosperity of the C., B. & Q. had acted to build up competition and develop the State.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Mr. Donahue said that, before adjourning he desired in behalf of the Committee to thank the gentlemen for the valuable information they had imparted.

The meeting adjourned.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

WISCONSIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., March 11.—The Assembly today ordered the bill conferring the St. Croix and Superior land grant on the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad to a third reading after debate, the proceedings occupying from 11:00 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., by a vote of 62 to 38. The amendment giving part of the grant to the Chicago & Air Line Company, was repudiated by Mr. Palmer, and the friends of the Milwaukee bill, and after some discussion rejected. The bill as amended now provides for building the St. Croix & Superior Road at the rate of sixty miles a year; also, on the extension of the road from Monroe to Shullsbury, and a road from the Mississippi River via Mondovia or Durand to Chippewa Falls. The section exempting the lands from taxation till the completion of the road was struck out, by a vote of 56 to 42. Mr. Barron offered a substitute bill, giving the grant to the North Wisconsin, except that on the Superior Branch to Chicago Air Line, which was lost by 31 to 67, and the bill was then ordered to a third reading. There being no use for a session in the afternoon to consider the North Wisconsin Railroad bill, as the special order was agreed on, the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow.

The friends of the North Wisconsin claim a majority in the Senate.

The following is the additional business of last evening and this morning: The Senate Special Committee to examine the management of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home reported. The general conclusion of the report is, that the charges against the management of Superintendent Burton are not sustained, except that in one case, the punishment of one boy was too severe. The food and clothing were found suitable and ample, and the Superintendent and Matron considerate of the welfare of the children. They regard the want of harmony in the Board the main cause of the trouble, and approve the action of the Superintendent, and the majority of the Board upon the points of difference They recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to dismiss employes for cause; that the employment of a member of the Board as a resident physican be discontinued, and that no relative of a member of the Board be employed in the institution; also, that the Board appoint an agent to provide homes for the children in private families.

The majority and minority Special Committee to whom was referred the bill repealing the Graham Liquor law, submitted reports—majority against and Senator Schmidt in favor of a refusal of a third reading to the bill. The bill repealing the local option laws was reconsidered, and postponed to this evening.

The Governor returned with objections the Senate bill to provide for the collection of certain statistics with a view of more fully equalizing the State taxes, and the Senate refused the passage of the bill over the Governor's veto by 19 to 15. The section providing for the appointment of Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition was concurred in. The Senate bill amending the railroad license fee to 5 per cent of the gross earnings, was ordered to a third reading—17 to 14. The Senate bill providing for a proper distribution of the drainage fund was indefinitely postponed; also, amending the general tax laws relating to exempting the property of religious and literary societies from taxation.

In the Assembly, all but two of the Railroad Committee reported in favor of authorizing the La-Crosse & Minnesota Bridge Company to bridge the Mississippi opposite LaCrosse, and all but three of the said Committee were in favor of authorizing the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company to bridge the Mississippi opposite North LaCrosse.

Senate bills were concurred in in relation to the education of the county poor; authorizing Iowa County and the Town of Mineral Point to settle their bonded indebtedness. Assembly bills passed providing for a geological survey of the State by the Chief Geologist and four assistants, to be appointed by the Governor, to be begun in Ashland County, and completed in four years, appropriating not exceeding $13,000 annually; fixing the rate of interest on court judgments at the same as the obligations on which they were obtained; to repeal the law requiring the publication of notice of proposed special or local legislation; to better provide for collecting the claims of laborers for work by themselves and teams for contractors on railroads; regulating the height of fences and the matter of partition fences; for the preservation of game; for the relief of S. D. Carpenter. Bills for the repeal and modification of the laws exempting property from taxation were indefinitely postponed; also, for the appointment of an entomologist for the State Historical Society; to authorize the State agent for the St. Croix Railroad lands to compromise with trespassers.

The memorial to Congress in regard to defrauding the Chippewa Indians, and bills for the repeal of the laws exempting the West Wisconsin lands from taxation were made the special order for to-morrow.

MICHIGAN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, Mich., March 11.—The exercises opened this morning with singing from the celebrated trio of Vaccaius Sisters. In the House there was a warm debate on the bill for the compilation of criminal statistics, the design being to have the compilation done by the Circuit Judges, who would receive an additional salary of $1,000. In the Senate a bill creating a Commissioner of Railroads to inspect and report annually on all railroads in the State, was warmly debated. Neither bill was finally disposed of. This afternoon was occupied in the Senate by a discussion on the House bill authorizing the Park Commissioners of Detroit to purchase grounds for a public park in that city, the grounds to cost $300,000, and the annual improvement to cost $50,000. The Senate Chamber was densely crowded. Senator Richardson, of Detroit, spoke nearly three hours in opposition to the bill, but its passage was a foregone conclusion, notwithstanding strong popular feeling against it in Detroit. The bill passed the Senate by 25 to 4, the negatives being Senators Richardson, Stoddard, Sumner, and Wheeler. The effect of the bill is to compel the people of Detroit to be taxed for a park, without allowing them to determine whether they want one, by regular ballot at the polls.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., March 11.—In the House, today, the Senate bill to authorize the taking of depositions of criminals in the places where they are confined was passed. The House bill for the protection of fish, by removing obstructions from the streams, failed to pass. Bills were introduced to so amend the Road law as to increase the compensation of viewers and chainbearers, and to pay them $2 per day; to punish the crime of pocket-picking and larceny; to authorize the appropriation of lands for the use of public institutions when the owners refuse to sell at reasonable terms; to make it the duty of the County Auditors to report annually to the State Auditor the indebtedness of counties, townships, and cities.

In the Senate, the House bill to increase the salaries of the Prosecuting Attorneys of Franklin, Lucas, Montgomery, and Cuyahoga Counties was passed. The Senate bill extending the time for completing the geological survey to June 7, 1874, was passed.

New York Constitutional Commission.

ALBANY, March 11.—In the Constitutional Commission to-day, the section prohibiting the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors came up, and, after discussion, the amendment was rejected. The following was adopted as a substitute for the section prohibiting sectarian appropriations by State and Municipal authorities.

Neither the credit nor the money of the State shall be given or loaned to or in aid of any association, corporation or private undertaking.

In Memoriam.

BELOIT, Wis., March 11.—The funeral of Prof. Bushnell this afternoon, was very largely attended by Trustees, friends, and alumni from abroad. A most eloquent and interesting eulogy was delivered by Prof. Emerson. The church was tastefully draped and adorned with flowers.

FOREIGN.

The German Press on Grant's Inaugural Address.

The Influence of Mazzini's Memory in Italy.

Defeat of the British Ministry on the Irish University Bill.

Sudden Stoppage of the Atlantic Cable of 1865.

SPAIN.

MADRID, March 11.—The Assembly has approved the amendment to the bill for a convocation of the Constitutional Cortes, authorizing the Government to fix the date of the election of Deputies from Cuba.

Figueras arrived at Tarragona yesterday on his way to Barcelona, and stopped some time there in consequence of the manifestations of sympathy with his policy by the populace.

A reaction favorable to the interests of the country is beginning to make itself felt here and in the Provinces. The volunteers of Malaga have resolved to serve without pay. The troops in Barcelona are joining the volunteer corps.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 11.—The Corporation of Dublin, last evening, adopted resolutions condemning the Irish University bill.

The Atlantic cable of 1865 failed at noon. Electrician Willoughby Smith will leave London this evening to locate the fault.

LONDON, March 12, 3 a. m.—The House of Commons, to-night, after a protracted debate, rejected Gladstone's Irish University bill. The result of the division was announced as follows: For the bill, 284; against it 287; majority against the bill, 3. The announcement of the vote caused great excitement. The House adjourned until Thursday.

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, March 11.—Portuguese journals say that at no time in the history of the country have such efforts been made to organize a Republican party as are now making. They compare England's delay in recognizing the Spanish Republic with her recognition of the Napoleon's Government in 1851.

ITALY.

ROME, March 11.—Yesterday being the anniversary of Mazzini's death, a deputation of Democrats attempted to visit the patriot's tomb, but the police refused them admission. For a time the greatest excitement prevailed, and a riot seemed imminent. The troops were called out and prevented a disturbance.

The King has appointed Amadeus Lieutenant-General of the Italian Army.

GERMANY.

LONDON, March 11.—A dispatch from Berlin says that the German papers ridicule and sharply criticise the inaugural address of President Grant. The papers ask whether monarchical States ought to keep up diplomatic relations with a power whose Executive thus insults them.

MEXICO.

MATAMORAS, March 10.—City of Mexico telegrams state that Gen. Porfirio Diaz has been elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mexico, and becomes President of the Republic in case a vacancy occurs.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 11.—The court-martial at Versailles has sentenced the Communist Farrades to be executed.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Fall of the Old House of Refuge in New York—Three Lives Lost—Caving In of an Embankment.

NEW YORK, March 11.—This forenoon, the lower floor of a building at the corner of Twenty-third street and First avenue, formerly used as a House of Refuge, fell into the cellar. The building has lately been used as a silk manufactory. Three boys are reported buried in the ruins.

LATER.

Two more floors of the old House of Refuge have fallen. The police refuse parties admittance to search for the boys who are reported in the debris. An extra force of police has been called out to prevent the crowd becoming riotous.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 11.—By the caving in of a high bank, yesterday, on the line of the Stony Creek Railroad, now being built, John Delahide was instantly killed, and Patrick Kelly seriously injured.

LOUISVILLE, March 11.—The young man named Zoller, injured by the fall of the Great Eastern Circus tent-pole last night, died shortly after midnight, at the City Hospital.

THE WEATHER.

War Department Prognostications—Reports from Various Points.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL SERVICE, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Probabilities—For Wednesday in the New England and Middle States, rising barometer, westerly winds, partly cloudy and clear weather. For the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States, cloudy weather and light winds. Northerly winds and falling temperature will probably extend southward over the Western Gulf States on Wednesday morning. For the Ohio Valley and Upper Lakes, diminishing winds and generally clear weather. For the extreme Northwest, falling barometer and southerly winds.

Cautionary signals continue at Boston and Portland, Me.

CHICAGO, March 11.—The Signal Service reports continued moderate weather all over the country. Snowing this morning at Buffalo, Toronto, and Kingston, Canada. Raining at New York and Philadelphia. Generally cloudy throughout the East and South. In the Northwest, thermometers mark 20 deg. above at Duluth, 24 at Marquette, 26 at Escanaba, 24 at Alpena, Northern Michigan.

Railroad News.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—A dispatch from Denison, Texas, dated yesterday, says that the last rail on the Texas Central Road was laid on Monday evening, and at 5:30 o'clock a special train came in from Galveston, so there is now unbroken rail connection between Chicago and the Gulf. The people of Denison are celebrating the event with a good deal of eclat.

NEW YORK, March 11.—At a meeting of the Erie Railway Directors to-day, the only business done was voting thanks to General Diven, who resigns the Vice-Presidency on account, as he states, of ill-health and the urgency of his private business.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, March 11.—No trains are running on the Muscatine division of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad since Monday, on account of the ice gorge taking out one of the piers of a bridge ten miles west of Muscatine.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad Directors today, a report was read, which says that with the acceptance by the stockholders of the act passed by the Legislature authorizing the doubling of the capital stock, the Company will be placed in possession of means for the laying of two additional tracks between this city and Pittsburgh, so that it will have in operation four tracks, two to be used for through, and two for local traffic.

Spring Freshets.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—A dispatch from Port Deposit states that there was a heavy thunder-storm this morning. The rain continues, and the Susquehanna has risen 20 inches, and is still rising, causing much alarm. No change in the ice-gorge at Chickies. The river has risen three feet, and is still rising.

COLUMBIA, Pa., March 11.—The river has risen two feet, and is still rapidly rising.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—It has been raining all day, and the Schuylkill has been open, though the ice is gorged in the Schuylkill River at Fairmount. A portion of the ice passed safely over without doing damage.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 11.—The river is rising rapidly. There is heavy backwater, and it is fast increasing. Knowlton's factory is stopped, and the basement floors of other factories on the water-power are submerged. A general stoppage of the manufactories is feared. One house in South Rockford is afloat.

OMAHA, March 11.—The river is open and the ferryboats commenced running to-day. A portion of the wagon bridge across the Platte River at Schuyler was carried away by the ice to-day.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LASALLE, March 11.—The Illinois River still remains at a full navigable stage, and is free from ice at this point, but the gorge of ice below Pern has moved but little since last evening.

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE.

The policy adopted by Mr. Hooley in securing for his theatre the very best talent to be secured by unstinted inducements, received a most flattering and encouraging indorsement last evening, on the occasion of the first appearance of several new members of the company in the performance of the elegant society drama, "Peril; or, Love at Long Branch." The theatre was completely filled by a superior class of auditors, who were doubtless attracted thither by the promise of an entertainment of unusual merit. No risk is incurred in saying that there was no disappointment. A more thoroughly pleased and satisfied audience has rarely gathered in Chicago. One with good reasons too, for performances so perfectly excellent in all respects, and so brilliant and notable in many, are not of common occurrence. It seemed as if a new theatrical era had begun in Chicago—an era such as we have longed for and looked forward to as a grand *desideratum*—a dramatic company of such well-balanced strength and uniform efficiency as to produce dramatic representations without the distasteful elements of weakness which commonly abound. The organization of such a company has been a ruling ambition with Mr. Hooley ever since the dedication of his beautiful theatre anew to the modern drama, and his desire has at length been realized to a degree beyond expectation. He has now a company of which it is not too much to say that its equal has never been seen in Chicago. Last evening's performance was admirably calculated to test the capacity of the organization. "Peril" is one of the very best of modern society plays—skillfully devised as to its dramatic movement and incidents, unexceptionable in its moral tone; its sentiment healthy and unforced; the dialogue crisp and sparkling. Besides, it affords opportunity for the fullest gratification of the popular taste for elaborate scenic appointments and rich costumes.

The scene of the play opens at Long Branch, discovering a party of gossips on the beach canvassing the personal traits of their fellow-visitors. The arrival of the train from New York brings *Ralph Hayden* (Mr. Norris) and his wife, *Laura* (Miss Glover), who, being recently married, are of course much devoted. The new wife, however, is of fashionable follies and, of flirting with a bogus *Lord Hagar* (Mr. Padgen) which really arouses the jealousy of her husband to a fearful extent. Thinking it advisable to do nothing rashly in the premises, he takes counsel with *Dick Rothley* (Mr. Blaisdell), who is a bachelor, a self-asserting, officious individual, having a good-hearted withal. The latter coolly advises him to be less attentive to his wife in the future, and to flirt with anybody and everybody, in order that *Laura's* jealousy may be provoked, *Rothley* being of the opinion that such a consummation will lead the truant back to her love and duty. The young husband grasps at the hint, and acts upon it at once, thereby placing himself in a position that permits of the misconstruction of his conduct. When *Laura* discovers that her husband is paying considerable attention to a young lady named *Naomi*, she suffers a hysterical attack, and yields to the entreaties of *Lord Hagar*, her partner in the flirtation, who urges her to elope with him. Dick happens along in time to prevent this fatal step. *Ralph* has just returned from a stroll with *Naomi*, and falls asleep in the parlor of his cottage. His wife enters the apartment, all prepared to depart with *Hagar*, and, despite the attempt of the latter to prevent her, lingers to drop a farewell kiss on the brow of her sleeping husband. At this moment *Dick* enters and *Ralph* awakens. He is persuaded by *Dick* that they are only rehearsing a tableau, and so discovery of the elopement project is prevented. Next day *Laura* calls at the *Rothley's* apartments to thank him for his service to her and her husband. The voice of the latter is heard outside. In her haste to get out of sight she drops her shawl on a chair, and is hurried by *Dick* into his sleeping apartment. *Ralph* enters and the shawl betrays all to him. He will listen to no explanation, and the result is a challenge. The fourth act is devoted to unravelling the plot. In order to bring this about, the author introduces the exterior of a hotel in the Bahamas, where a duel is being arranged between *Rothley* and *Ralph*. This is frustrated by a plot of the former, whereby *Hagar's* designs upon *Laura* are exposed, the difficulty is adjusted, and the curtain falls on a happy reconciliation.

Incidental to the story are the characters of *Alice Hagar*, *Laura's* sister (Miss Cowell), with whom *Rothley* is in love; *Col. Playford* (Mr. Soggs), her father; *Mrs. Tinsel* (Mrs. Maeder), a gossiping old woman; *Marrah* (Miss Roche), whom *Lord Hagar* has betrayed to her ruin; and *G. W. Bailey, Esq.*, (Mr. Dillon), a meddling attorney-at-law. The opening scene represents the beach at Long Branch, the ocean stretching out, and the Grand Hotel in the distance—a marvel of scenic art, and one of the finest specimens of stage painting ever witnessed anywhere. The same scene is used in the last act, the water being lit up by the rays of the moon, and the many windows of the great hotel brilliantly illuminated. This is a most beautiful picture. Another scene of rare richness represents the interior of a drawing-room, opening into a conservatory filled with a hundred or more living hot-house plants. The furniture used in this set is royally elegant. Indeed, the scenery alone is worth a visit to the play.

The audience last evening was disposed to be peculiarly enthusiastic. Miss Phillis Glover was welcomed most warmly, and Miss Sidney Cowell, always a tremendous favorite in Chicago, received a most flattering ovation. Mr. Dillon also came in for a marked demonstration. A severe hoarseness placed Miss Glover as a serious disadvantage, as her voice is not the least among her many charms, but she made a most favorable impression nevertheless. Together with remarkable endowments of face and form, she has an air of inbred elegance and culture which peculiarly fit her for the representation of the society belle of the present day. She wears her superb costumes as if she were accustomed to them, and moves like one to whom elegant surroundings are no novelty. Her action is of the quiet, natural order,—not lacking in power and intensity, but subdued and effective. Her good-night scene with *Lord Hagar* in the first act was exquisitely rendered. Miss Cowell was her old charming, sprightly self; if she has a little more pleasing than ever. She is in no danger of losing her cordial footing with her Chicago admirers. The part she sustains in "Peril" does not call out her peculiar powers to the utmost, but it is a part which requires to be smoothly and neatly filled, and so Miss Cowell was at home in it. Miss Hattie Roche, another new-comer, secured excellent opinions by her pleasing voice and graceful stage presence. It is easy to see that this lady will win her way. Mr. Norris, who also made his first appearance last evening, is a valuable addition to the company. His impersonation of the *role of Ralph Hayden* was that of a smooth, finished, thoroughly capable actor, and there were suggestions of future popularity which may make Mr. Blaisdell look to his laurels. The last named gentleman is in his best vein as *Dick Rothley*, a part for which he is admirably fitted, and which he rendered with excellent spirit and effect. Mr. Padget makes a good villain, as he always does, though in this instance he fails to make the character sufficiently attractive to warrant the possibility of *Laura's* eloping with him. A little more elegance and suavity would better befit the *role*. Mr. Dillon has an excruciatingly funny part, which he plays with an originality and vim peculiarly his own. It is one of the best of his eccentric comedy assumptions. Mrs. Maeder, Miss Mason, Mr. Soggs, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Barney were all most excellent, leaving nothing to be desired at their hands. Indeed, the cast was a remarkable one in the evenness of its excellence, and in the entire absence of weak points. The new company, for such it practically is, with so many prominent additions, must be set down as an unmitigated success, and "Peril" is no less so. The piece will be continued throughout the week, including the Wednesday and Saturday matinees. It is one of the greatest attractions ever presented to a Chicago audience.

APOLLO.

The next concert of the Apollo Club to its associate members has been fixed for the 8th of April, immediately after Lent, upon which occasion a programme of unusual attraction, having special reference to the season, will be given. Associate members are coming into the club very rapidly, and those who wish to avail themselves of its privileges should make early application to the Secretary, Mr. C. C. Curtiss, at 262 State street, as at the next concert and reception only those will be admitted who are associate members and have paid their dues.

LUIGI DAMA.

A Chicago Music Teacher on His Travels.

A Wholesale Heart-Smasher and Female Infatuator.

At the time of the Chicago fire there dwelt in Chicago one Luigi Dama, a teacher in the divine art of music. In his hands it rose to an art. He was a lord among the singing men, a human canary of the highest pattern. We forget how high he could climb in his scale, but he had several scales, and on some of these attained an immense height. Bostonians and Hartford residents are just now looking dizzily up at one of these flights, for this time he took a Hartford girl with him, and a Boston girl followed. He was gentlemanly, without being a walking tailor's sign, kept a moustache that was the envy of the avenues, and had a pair of black eyes that were good at sight for any amount of flattering in too susceptible female hearts. From this it will be discovered he was "a dear man." Boston has just found him so, and we feel a spasm of gratitude that these powerful charms did not work with like destructiveness in Chicago. He was a foreign Count of the Melnotte pattern, and his "castles in Spain" were of the amplest size and garnniture. Chicago girls don't run after foreign Counts, however; not since the day of Count Somebody's fete champetre at Waukegan, some years ago, which did not come off, we believe, because the Count's laundress interposed, and he had to go East to get the money for her little bill, and, failing in that, did not come back. Chicago girls don't dote on Europe, either, as a general thing. The fact is, it is an old story to most of them, and you could not offend one of them more severely than to tell her she ought to see the Louvre. She saw it when she was 15 years old, and can tell you all about it. Foreign Counts are at a discount in Chicago. We mention these facts to show the reason why a Chicago girl does not fill the place of the Boston girl in the story of Luigi Dama. It was because they were too sharp, and asked him to get from Chase Brothers an absolute guaranty of their estates, and given an opportunity for their legal representatives to take a run through his chateau, and inventory things a little. Perish the thought that the eyes of Luigi Dama could not find charms in Chicago. We claim that our girls should be admired. We are delighted that they are too sharp to be run away with till all the legal proof and memoranda are made out. Bad place for flashy titles is Chicago.

Luigi Dama had a sumptuous music boudoir in Chancellor Jenkins' block, on Madison street, next to the Clifton House; a charming place, its walls vibrant with choicest harmonies, a Steinway Grand piano (the usual charge for this mention), pictures, statuary, fantenlia, girandeloles, etageres, and a gilt cuspidor. Such a grotto of the muses as you would go miles to see, especially if the gorgeous Professor was at home, and in all such cases we advise you to go, or at all events send mamma or your mother-in-law with your daughter. Singular thing this music. Why is a dash of rascality so easily slips in alongside of its perfected forms? The wonder of the upper world is that scandal, and intrigue, and devilry never got into the long benches of the players on golden harps. We cannot stop to discuss this proposition, and as it is we shall have to crowd Luigi Dama and the Boston girl